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Miller surprised by

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*Humanitarian
of the year award
to retired veteran*

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Alvin Miller has been flying high since he became the newest recipient of the Humanitarian of the Year award from the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Miller, 72, is a long-time local church volunteer and a retired war veteran.

He was presented with his

award Saturday night at the annual charter night of the 418 wing of the RCAF association.

The Humanitarian of the Year award goes to a person who best exemplifies a community advocate.

Miller was surprised by the accolade and never expected such a prize.

"How I could have ever deserve this is a mystery to me," Miller said. "I had no idea I was even in the running."

Miller moved from Saskatchewan to Belleville and worked as an accountant with the government for 30 years.

Miller is married to his wife



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Shirley. The couple has two children and four grandchildren.

Miller belongs to Eastminster United Church where he has served in a variety of leadership capacities.

Along with his church duties, Miller is co-ordinator of the East Belleville Men's Breakfast Fellowship. He is a leading member of the Belleville chapter of the Loyal Order of Oddfellows, including its United Nation's Public Speaking program for young people.

Miller has taken great pride in shaping the lives of young children.

"If a teenager needs money to

help pay the cost of camp or a conference, they could always count on Al," said Eastminster United Church's Rev. Ed Bentley. "When a youth group needs support for one of its projects, Al is always first in line."

Miller is modest to a fault.

In this, perhaps his most shining moment of volunteer work, he thanked the community who always supported his endeavors.

"Nothing can really be accomplished by one person," he said. "The credit has to go to the people in the community who have made this place what it is."

People like Alvin Miller.

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