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George Morden chosen Burrows Award winner

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George Morden wanted to get "out from underfoot" when he retired from Wray's Furniture and that's been beneficial to several community agencies.

Recently, the Belleville man was named the 1999 winner of the Ruth Burrows Volunteer Award. It was presented by Volunteer and Information Quinte at the second annual Volunteer Celebration.

The award is named after the late Ruth Burrows, a member of the Order of Canada, who started such programs as Volunteer Quinte, First Adventure, Seniors Services, Christmas Sharing, English for New Canadians, Meals on Wheels and others.



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Ruth died last month in Nanaimo where she spent winters with a daughter.

It's presented to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the community.

Morden, 82, over the past eight years, has donated his time to agencies that include Community Care Belleville Inc., CNIB and Pensioners Concerned.

He says he was surprised when told he was this year's award winner.

"I knew I was nominated, which was an honour in itself. There are plenty of people who do more than I do," says Morden.

He says he enjoys meeting people through volunteering.

"When you've worked in the retail trade you miss the personal contact. And, it helps keep my mind sharp," says Morden.

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