

Mullin Gord

National citation for community work

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Gord Mullin: He's made service his career

Belleville's Gord Mullin has been honored by the Canadian United Way organization.

Mullin, executive director of United Community Services of Belleville and District, has been presented with a citation for 30 years work in United Way and related organizations.

Throughout his service with United Way, Mullin has been involved in casework, group work and recreation, organization and fund-raising. United Way, says Mullin, is a concept put into action by citizen volunteers who become involved with planning, budgeting, allocating and fund-raising programs pertinent to their community.

"A social mechanism such as the United Way, he says, "allows people

to act together in community improvement."

Mullin became Belleville's United Community Services director in 1974. The agency's committee describes him as a people-oriented person with experience in varied fields of social work. With an outgoing personality and desire to meet social and community needs, the former draftsman realized his fulfillment was not going to be found behind the drawing board. He enrolled in university credit courses, "ticking off two more credits each year", he recalls, until he graduated from Sir George Williams University in Montreal in 1956 with an arts degree.

Mullin then became registrar for Montreal Boys' Association, an

organization similar to the YMCA. Four years later, he became director for a private welfare agency which helps protect women and children.

In 1969, he moved to community organization with the Red Feather Services in Montreal. He took on an administrative position with Federated Appeals in 1968. He is a member of the Canadian Association of Social Workers.

For 15 years, Mullin was a commissioner of the Superior Court in the Montreal area. He was also chairman of the advisory board of the Montreal City Mission for 10 years, and was a member of the board of Sir George Williams University Alumni Association and chairman of the student loan fund for four years.



Gord Mullin: United Way citation

In Belleville, Mullin has been credited with creating a better image of the United Way in the community and, with the help of volunteers, has been able to build a firm foundation for consecutive United Way Campaigns. United Community Services is the organizational group which runs the annual appeal.

The United Way, says Mullin, is "completely dependent upon volunteers".

"In the final analysis," he says, "the volunteers are the

backbone of the United Way system. If we can register any measure of success over the years, it is directly dependent on the volunteers who have actively promoted the well-being of the community through their efforts and talents in various ways."

The citation was presented to Mullin by the president of the Canadian organization. It reads, "In recognition of your dedication to the community through your years of service as a valuable employee of the United Way."

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