

Community Care Colborne thanks its many volunteers

There would be very little Community care activity in Cramahe Township without the dozens of volunteers who support the agency's programs.

Community Care Program Coordinator Cheryl Storey and Northumberland Community Care Executive Director Trish Baird made that fact obvious at the Thank the Volunteers Brunch Nov. 26 at Colborne United Church.

In her welcome to about 50 volunteers Ms. Storey spoke of the 2,500 phone security calls, 1,000 hours of home help and maintenance, over 400 meals delivered, over 1,000 drives. Nearly 5,000 hours of volunteer work was completed by close to 100 Community Care Colborne volunteers in the past year.

Ms. Baird took a broader picture and told the group that more than one in four

Canadians volunteer for non-profit and charitable organizations, providing more than one billion hours of service. Seniors who volunteer average the highest number of hours.

In Northumberland County 900 volunteers provide 67,000 volunteer hours for Community Care. Drivers from the Colborne branch average one trip a week. Nine volunteers made 1,000 phone calls to ensure client safety and to bring them cheer.

In closing, Ms. Storey reminded the group of the contributions made by several local businesses including Mr. Convenience, Colborne Home Hardware, Downey Pharmacy, Rutherford's market, Foodland; Food 4 All and Black Dress Catering.

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Community Care Colborne Program Coordinator Cheryl Storey, left, thanks Nancy Smith for her assistance in the wellness program. Absent: June Cranston.

Ferne Dobson, right, pictured with Program Coordinator Cheryl Storey was thanked at the brunch for her work on behalf of Community Care. Ferne and Agnes Corbett are the current friendly visitors.



Helping to keep the Community Care office ticking, from left are Nancy Vickers, Anne McGrath, Pat Judson, Liz Rotteveel, Rose Sheldrick and Jean Cooper. Seated from left are Sharron MacDonald and Betty White. Absent from photo - Susan McFeteridge.



Above, you don't have to be a kid to deliver Meals on Wheels. Octogenarians Bill and June Ball and Flo Dale on the left work with the other youngsters in the Meals on Wheels deliveries. Beside Flo are Joan and Gord James, Andre Reny and Cecilia Geens. Drivers from Colborne and Salem United Church, Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Trinity Anglican and the Colborne Branch of the Legion all assist with the program.



It takes a lot of drivers to keep Community Care Colborne running. Many of the Transportation Committee drivers were at the Nov. 26 thank you brunch. Seated in front are,



Right, Dorothy and Walter Rutherford put in many hours to keep the Colborne Food Bank operating.

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