

## Colborne resident is Jubilee Medal winner

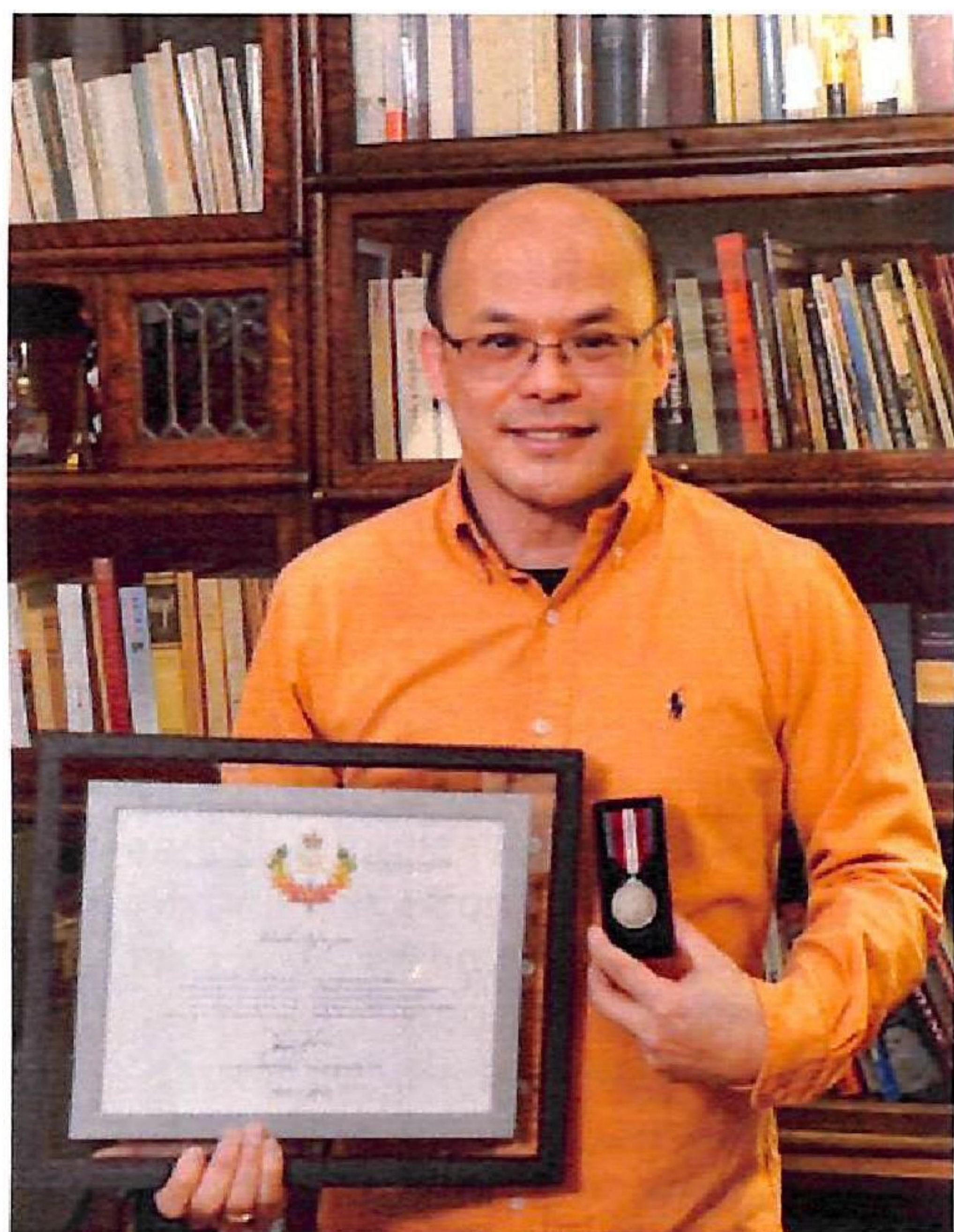


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Colborne resident Vinh Nguyen is the latest local recipient of a Queen's Jubilee Medal. Vinh collected his award at a February ceremony in Toronto. He was one of 32 people connected with the Children's Wish Foundation to be given the medal.

Vinh has been with the foundation almost 26 years, starting as a student volunteer, then taking over the financial operations of the fledgling organization months later. He took the advice of his boss, who was volunteering his time. It was a good group of four,, and Vinh loved the mission. Vinh's pay came from a six-month grant.



The Children's Wish Foundation was three years old when Vinh joined and created its operating systems. Its fundraising goal was \$150,000. It now has a fundraising budget of \$21 million and a staff of 100 spread out in 13 offices across Canada. The foundation has become his life and his passion. He feels ownership after all these years.