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Volunteers the key to Cancer Society

Ask almost anyone in town what they know about the Cancer Society, and chances are they'll tell you that it canvasses for research money and, maybe they'll be able to identify one of our local campaigners. In addition to this there are a group of very dedicated, low profile people, who work quietly to help improve the quality of life of cancer patients and their families in this community.

Ask any cancer patient in Georgetown for a name, and at the top of their list will be Jenny Tuffin. She is the driver convenor in town, and provides for the transportation needs of local cancer patients for hospital checkups, treatments, and doctor appointments. With infinite patience she performs daily miracles in matching drivers from a group of volunteers to the travel needs of all the patients registered with the local Cancer Society Unit. These rides cover many destinations, from Princess Margaret and other Toronto hospitals, to Peel Memorial, to Credit Valley, to Hamilton, and even local in-town hops. All in a day's volunteer work, and the satisfaction of knowing that someone else at the other end of a phone has been helped.

There are volunteers in town who provide other valuable services for cancer patients and their families. Cansurmount visitors, who, as recent cancer

patients themselves, can provide one-to-one visiting, either by phone or in person, to help a patient who needs someone to talk to. someone who can help to clear away some of the concerns. someone who has "been there". Reach-to-Recovery visitors, who do the same with the particular experience of breast cancer. They can provide a sympathetic ear and an understanding of the disease which has all been gained by direct experience. Friendly visitors, who can provide a longer follow-up visiting programme when the first wave of activity and treatment is over, to "keep in touch". The objective of all of these visitors is to be able to say "When you need me, I'm here."

Without all of the above there would be no work for Judy Robinson, who took over the position of Patient Services Chairperson at the Georgetown Unit last June. Judy is responsible for confidential patient records, and helps to match volunteer visitors with the patients. She also recruits new volunteers and plans their workloads. In all of this work she relies heavily on Sheila Huska, the unit coordinator, who is probably the best known of the Cancer Society "voices on the phone" in Georgetown.

Need to know more... Need the services of the Georgetown Unit... We're only a phone call away at 877-1124, and I'll bet you Sheila will answer the phone. From then on you'll be in the good hands of one of our volunteers.



Many caring volunteers work together to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society and assist people suffering from cancer. But none are more dedicated than (left to right) Sheila Huska, Jenny

Tuffin, and Judy Robinson who met Thursday at the Georgetown Cancer Society office to discuss their functions within the society. (Herald Photo)

NRS and Admiral announce merger

NRS Achievers and Admiral Real Estate Ltd. announced today their two offices are merging and will be known as NRS Achievers Real Estate Ltd.

Bob Oldman, Broker/Owner of NRS Achievers explained, "We are certainly glad of the opportunity this new, but experienced blood brings to our office. We feel a rebound is coming in the market. Reduced interest rates and price levels will have an impact and when they do, we'll be ready. It's a wonderful opportunity for all of us."

Jill Savard of Admiral Real Estate Ltd. agreed saying, "definitely the combined offices will present a strong force in this area for marketing homes."

In fact, it was the marketing capabilities of NRS, National Real Estate Service that convinced Savard to join forces with NRS. "When I was looking to see

who we would join, I had a lot of choices. However, finding a company compatible with our style and that would offer us new choices narrowed my search down very quickly to NRS."

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