

Local volunteers honoured by Links2Care

Nineteen volunteers who have donated their talents and a combined 165 years of their time to Links2Care were honoured at a volunteer appreciation luncheon last Thursday at the Ballinafad Community Hall.

With the theme "You Take the Cake" each of the 60 volunteers on hand

received a cupcake, handmade and decorated by students at Acton High School for the event.

"You know we appreciate everything thing that you do," executive director Sandra Melhuish told the crowd, adding it is not easy to do with continued pressure from their funders

to deliver the same level of service with the same amount of money.

Melhuish played a new 15-minute video showcasing Links2Care's cradle to grave services, including the Early Years Centre, employment help, home care and seniors' services like Meals on Wheels with

140 staff and over 200 volunteers.

Two Links2Care volunteers – Acton's Rena Arbic and Real Tetreault – were honoured for receiving Halton Cheers to Volunteers awards. Arbic has delivered Meals on Wheels for 34 years and Tetreault volunteers with

Meals on Wheels and Wheels to Meals.

Thirteen volunteers received five-year service pins, Acton's Shirley Broostad and Pauline Bar-

low received 15-year pins, Acton's Helen Near was honoured for 25 years service, and Edith McPhail of georgetown received her 35-year service pin.



SMILING SERVICE: Acton volunteers with Links2Care including, from left, seated, Liz Bailey, Emma Timbers, Dorothy Rognvaldson and Gloria Vermeulen were feted by Links2Care executive director Susan Melhuish at a volunteer appreciation tea last Thursday at Ballinafad Community Hall. – Frances Niblock photo



VOLUNTEER CHEER: Acton volunteers Rena Arbic and Real Tetreault posed with their Halton Cheers to Volunteer awards at the Links2Care volunteer appreciation tea last Thursday at the Ballinafad Community Hall. – Frances Niblock photo

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