

Volunteer Week Message from the mayor

Dear Volunteer:
National Volunteer Week, April 23rd to 29th, 1995 is the time of the year we set aside to reflect on the significant contributions volunteers make to our community.

Through your efforts our citizens are able to enjoy a wide variety of services that enrich our quality of life.

On behalf of the Town of Halton Hills, I would like to thank you for your dedication and commitment. Your contributions touch so many lives. Our Town is a better place because of you.

Thank you for your gift of time and talent.

Keep up the good work. We need you.

Sincerely,
Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson



MARILYN SERJEANTSON

Volunteers — our national treasure

Every day in Halton Hills people rely on the services of volunteers.

Volunteers drivers, phone counsellors, fundraisers, care givers and many others provide essential services that are vital to our well being and contribute to our sense of community.

The work of many volunteers, including those who work on boards and committees, often goes unrecognized because it is not highly visible. It is however indispensable.

When assessing the value of volunteers in the community we tend to neglect the value of the service by not giving this essential component a dollar

value.

The latest figures for the Halton Region show that 26 per cent of the population volunteered.

These volunteers gave a total of 7,743,684 hours of their time to the community.

If you placed a dollar value on these hours at a rate of \$15.85 per hour, which the service sector receives, the volunteer hours would be worth a total of \$122,659,955.

Just in Halton Hills alone, the volunteer hours would be worth \$12,201,996.

The Halton Social planning Council and Volunteer Centre is proud to be part of this service offered to the community. Our skilled Placement

Officers advise potential volunteers placements available throughout the community. Based on the interest and experience of the volunteer we refer them to the agencies in need of their particular talents.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer phone (905) 878-0955 or (905) 632-1975.

The volunteer sector is indeed one of the most important segments of our society.

With the decline in funding for the essential services in Halton, volunteers have become our most valuable resource.

In a very real sense they are our "National Treasure".

Volunteers to be recognized

Special appreciation evening

Volunteers in Halton Hills are the cream in the coffee, the magic in the act and for Star Trek fans - the energy in the force field!

The only problem they present for the organization which they assist is the dilemma of how to show respect and gratitude.

This is an important issue for agencies and this year they have teamed up with Mayor Serjeantson to provide the biannual "Volunteer Appreciation Reception".

This event will be held on April 25th, 7 p.m. at the Civic Centre and promises to be an enjoyable evening.

For Star Trek fans this means a solar happening that will include all the stars (volunteers shine the

brightest).

A subcommittee of the North Halton Coordinators of Volunteers Association meets from November to May to plan the reception and other recognitions including media coverage for Volunteer Week.

The committee wishes to express their gratitude to the Town of Halton Hills for their continued support through their sponsorship of the event.

As Chairperson of this subcommittee I would like to thank the following committee members for all their contributions of time, thought and energy (in Star Trek terms this was enough to launch a rocket into space).

Special thanks to Nancy

Williams, Halton Social Planning Council/Volunteer Centre; Susan LeFeuvre Halton Hills Recreations and Parks Department; Linda Shaver, Victorian Order of Nurses; Judy Rasanen, North Halton Distress and Information Centre; Gerry Tuffin, Halton Seniors T.V. Productions; Diane Dawe, Allendale; Avril Goffredo, Heart and Stroke Foundation; Donna Pitter, Halton Hills Canadian Red Cross; Lynn Cameron, Halton Region Lung Association.

Sue Haggith
Acton Support Services and Information Centre,
Chairperson,
Halton Hills Volunteer Appreciation Committee

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:

Day after day we are besieged in the media by stories of wars, homeless and displaced persons, starvation and stories of unimaginable horrors and great personal tragedies.

We live in the greatest country on earth where people are literally breaking down the doors to get in.

One of our greatest assets are the thousands of anonymous people simply called "volunteers", our friends and neighbours who go quietly - with one objective - to bring to the needy and lonely the help and assistance required to live with grace and dignity.

On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross Society in Halton Hills, I convey our sincere appreciation to our "Volunteers".

Sincerely,
Frank Giffin
President

Dear Editor:

Being Volunteer Week, I would like to take a moment to recognize a group of extremely dedicated Ladies, who take many hours from their busy workweek schedules to provide opportunities for the girls of this community. These Ladies spent countless hours planning weekly meetings, attending First Aid Trainings, camp trainings, and countless hours of other trainings to help the girls develop the self-confidence and skills required to succeed in today's and tomorrow's world. Their reward is the smile on the face of a child who has met another challenge and is now ready for the next one.

On behalf of the girls, I thank the Guides of Georgetown East — Well Done!

Lynda Strathdee
District Commissioner
Georgetown East District
Girl Guides of Canada



Acton Parent-Child Resource Centre



ACTON SUPPORT SERVICES AND INFORMATION CENTRE

WISHES TO THANK THE VOLUNTEERS FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE WHEN WE NEED THEM.



BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped

United Way Member Agency

N.H.A.D.H. is seeking appointees to their 1995-96 Board of Directors. Time and interest are key requirements. Board meetings are held once a month, alternating locations in Milton and Halton Hills (Georgetown), with additional committee work including the areas of Policy Review/Development, Community Relations and Fund Raising. Interested individuals are to enquire or make an application to N.H.A.D.H. Central Administration Office 62 Park Ave., Georgetown, Ont. L7G 4Z1 or by telephone at 873-8181 and ask for Etta Mills before May 21/95.

Helping people with developmental handicaps participate fully in our community...since 1955.



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Noel Duignan
M.P.P. Halton North

Congratulations to all those who care enough to give of their time and effort for many local and national causes.

Our world would be a poorer place
Without your participation

Best Wishes
Noel Duignan
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