

Attew's involvement in Milton endless

40 years, this August.

She moved here from Oxfordshire, England in 2003, with her children who were both under five at the time. Raised in Crawley Sussex, she has a thick British accent, which is why her friends and acquaintances have come to know her as The Brit. She got her volunteering feet wet almost upon arrival here. It all started at Chris Hadfield School, where her daughter was a senior kindergarten student.

"Rick Nodwell, the principal there then was one of the first people I met and he's still a dear friend," she said, recalling where it all started. "I was cutting out cardboard dinosaur pieces and volunteering in the classroom.

"In England, you don't volunteer at the schools the way you do here. There, you only go into the school for three reasons: your kid's in trouble, report cards and school plays."

Attew then sat on the school's parent council, eventually serving as its president before moving on to volunteer her time with other organizations.

Her community involvement is seemingly endless. Over the years, Attew has helped coordinate various Santa Claus parades, organized a teddy bear candlelight vigil to show support for the people of Sandy Hook, Connecticut, after the school shooting tragedy, drove the bears down to the vigil and raised

funds for the Darling Home for Kids (Hospice/Respite Experience) for an outdoor wheelchair accessible playground. She is also involved with the Relay for Life, serving as lead organizer one year, has volunteered with the Amazing Race Milton, raised funds for the United Way of Milton, and served with the Friends of Milton Hospital, which fundraised for the hospital expansion. Attew is also president of the Milton Optimist Club, raising money for youth and is on the community advisory board.

A full-time marketing/office manager at Milton Orthotic and Wellness Centre, Attew remains immersed in her role as a volunteer and organizes numerous activities in town. Most recently, she signed up to participate in the Heart and Stroke Foundation 5km walk/run.

She's twice been named Milton's Citizen of the Year (as an individual recipient and also as part of the Friends of Milton Hospital) and is the proud recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, which she finds funny, since she had to be an immigrant to Canada before she was recognized by her British monarchy.

"I had to come here before I got that recognition," she chuckled, giving credit to her parents for instilling in her the importance of community involvement. "My mom and dad are still alive and it's because of them that I began giving back," she said. "Here in Canada, there's opportunity to give back."

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Long-Term Accommodation Plan. This plan addresses the existing and projected accommodation needs of students in elementary and secondary schools and identifies new capital project initiatives, such as the need for new schools.

The *Long-Term Accommodation Plan* along with Powerpoint presentations outlining key points for Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton, and Oakville are available online at www.hdsb.ca. Follow the link from the home page under "Program and Accommodation" to access the plan and presentations.

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