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I WISH, i wish ...

Volunteers, social workers want us to help each other

Graham Woodward, chairperson, York Region Food Network:

I wish I lived in a community where we knew and trusted each other so well that my neighbour might ask me to help feed their children and I might ask them to help care for my parents; that they might ask me to shelter their struggling sibling and I would do it.

Elizabeth Brims, executive director, York Region Food Network:

I wish no one in York Region would ever go hungry, that food banks did not need to exist, that poverty, hunger and homelessness were problems of the past as the community had come together to support their neighbour.

Jane Wedlock, public education co-ordinator, York Region Alliance to End Homelessness:

I wish...that we really understood how important having a safe, affordable, decent place to call home is not only a human right; it is a fundamental building block of a healthy communi-

ty. Without housing, without enough food to eat — basic human needs are not met. Education (achievement), employment (productivity), health (mental and physical) and ability to participate (civic engagement) in the life of our communities are all compromised by an inability to find and keep a place to live.

It is the gift of caring beyond ourselves and our own families that contributes to quality of life and builds community.

This is not just an issue affecting a small group of "those people" who are separate from "us". It is about all of us — as community in all our diversity. It is about how we acknowledge the needs of different folks, about making a place and a welcome for those who have particular needs or who have found themselves in an impossible situation;

it is about finding our common humanity.

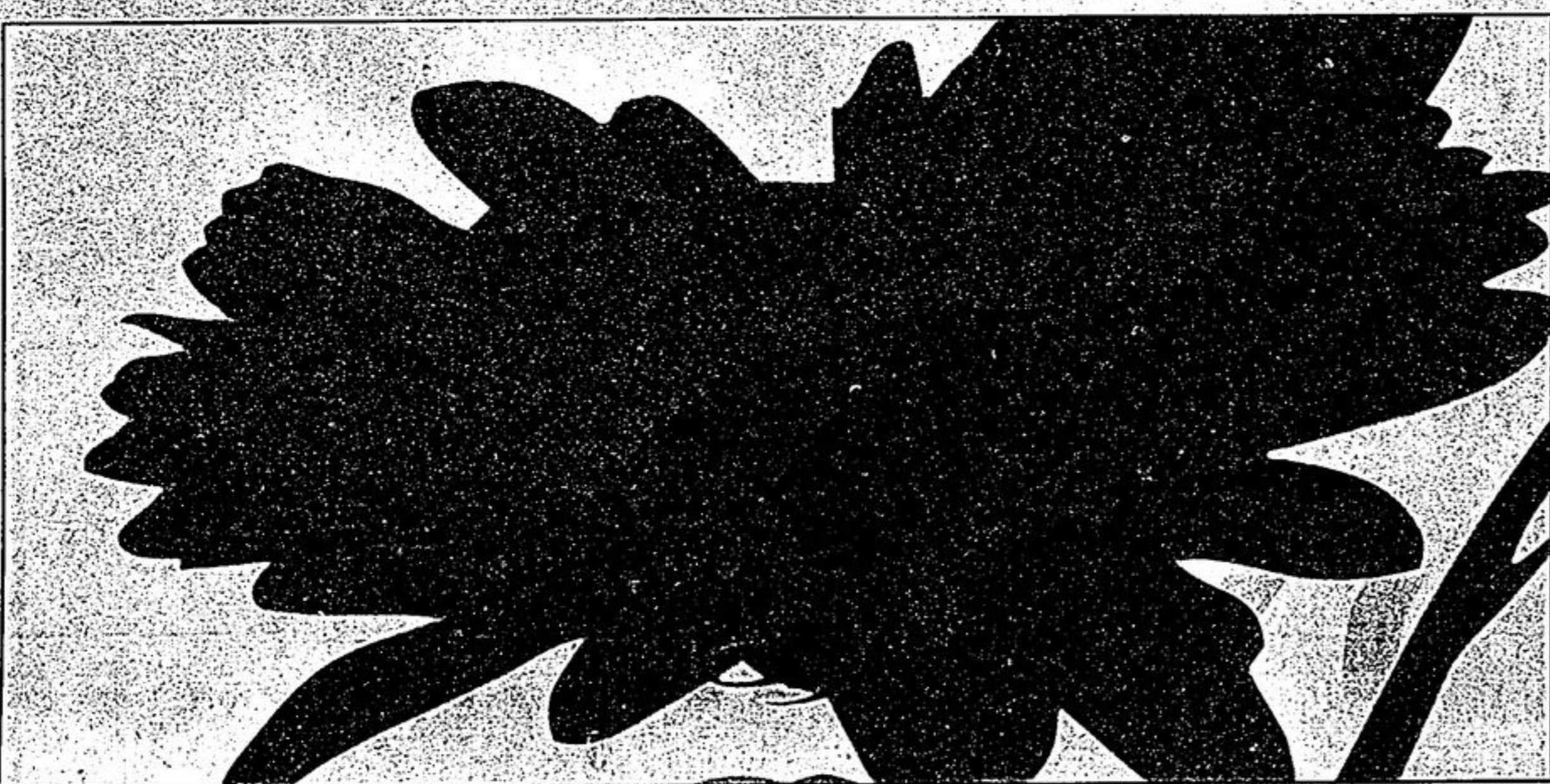
Deborah Egan, executive director, Community Home Assistance to Seniors:

I wish that each and every person in York Region will make an extra effort to reach out and give the most precious gift ... the gift of time. Reaching out to just one person who they know that is lonely or needs some extra support, just to feel that someone really cares about them can make a difference. It is the gift of caring beyond ourselves and our own families that contributes to quality of life and builds community.

Barbara Anshuetz, Author and Psychotherapist:

I wish that the benevolent acts of kindness, generosity and compassion that people perform for others in our community over the holiday season could last throughout the year. As Winston Churchill so aptly stated, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give".

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FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

Friday, February 23 at 1:30pm — Marjorie Mason
 Mason Hogue Gardens, Uxbridge
 Marjorie lectures across North America on a wide variety of topics. She has written articles for several magazines including: Canadian Living, Canadian Gardening and hosts "Let's Get Growing" every Saturday morning from 9am-10am on 1580 CKDO and 107.7 FM.

Saturday, February 24 at 1:30 & 3:30pm — Mark Cullen
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