

## Strawberry Festival Thank you

It is hard to believe that the Strawberry Festival has just celebrated its 24th Anniversary. It was a wonderful celebration! Each year the Festival just gets better and better.

New this year was the Watershed on Wheels; an interactive environmental venue sponsored by the Toronto Conservation Authority. There was the exciting arrival of "The Descenders" parachute team, excellent entertainment provided by "Giggles" Comedy Agency and the Blackboard Blues Band. Children's entertainment included free bird house building, cooking decorating and clowns galore. The Summitview Vibrations Hand Drumming Band stole the show prior to opening ceremonies. Their performance was representative of the spirit and vibrancy of the community we live in.

To all our sponsors who gave so generously, without their support we would be unable to produce such a great community event and we look forward to your continued support.

Thank you Sponsors!

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To Bruce Hatt and the town staff – your hard work and cooperation was outstanding – the festival could not have run so smoothly without you. What a Team! To Al Strawbridge, where there are no lights and sound, there can be no festival. To "Love Stouffville", your countless volunteer hours made it all possible.

It is hard to put into words my gratitude for the hard work from the committee. From strawberry hulling, bartending, crafter assembling and traffic control it is not always easy, but you made it happen for the love of our community festival.

You are the volunteers who made this 24th Anniversary the success it was, congratulations!

## Our Committee

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We volunteer, but our spouses and family are the backbone of our support. They jump in at the last minute to help out where needed and they do it willingly without complaint – we are forever appreciative.

Volunteers!

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For all our family, friends, neighbours, guests and visitors we do it for you and you came through again. With encouraging numbers attending this year's festival, approximately 30,000 over the weekend, I truly hope you enjoyed our 24th Annual Strawberry Festival as much as I did and look forward to Strawberry Festival 2009. See you there!

Sincerely, Laura Roessler Chairperson, 2008