

Long-time Volunteer Honoured

Thirty-five years of service with Heart and Stroke

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In 1975 Bill Gates founded Microsoft, the Vietnam war ended and Jimmy Hoffa went missing. It was also the year Jean Barclay started canvassing in her Stouffville neighbourhood for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Thirty-five years later, Jean is still out pounding the pavement for Heart and Stroke, with her collections contributing towards the \$100,000 raised over the past six years in Stouffville during the Heart and Stroke Month Campaign in February.

She was honoured during a special celebration ceremony held at Candlelight & Memories June 9. Members of the Stouffville Heart and Stroke chapter, as well as regional representatives were in attendance. Jean's daughter Stephanie Butler and grandsons Jake and Mitchell Butler were also there.

"Jean has been an ambassador for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and has been crucial in keeping the campaign alive and active over

the years in the Stouffville area," said Judith Fowler, regional manager of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. "She has touched many hearts."

Jean, whose father suffered a debilitating stroke in 1968 at the age of 46, served as president of the Stouffville chapter for a stint in the 1990's. Record revenues were brought in during those years from fund raisers including Victorian teas, fashion shows, skate-a-thons and the Lions Golf Tournament. The 'Big Bike Ride for Heart' was held during the Strawberry Festival for the first time while she was president.

As owner-operator of the Wedding Room bridal boutique in Stouffville in the 1950's, Jean hosted several bridal shows during Heart Month with the proceeds going to Heart and Stroke. During the 1990's and early 2000's she canvassed all businesses from the 10th Line to Ringwood Drive.

She continues to support Heart and Stroke today by canvassing her Cemetery Lane neighbourhood. "It just seems to keep going for me," said Jean.

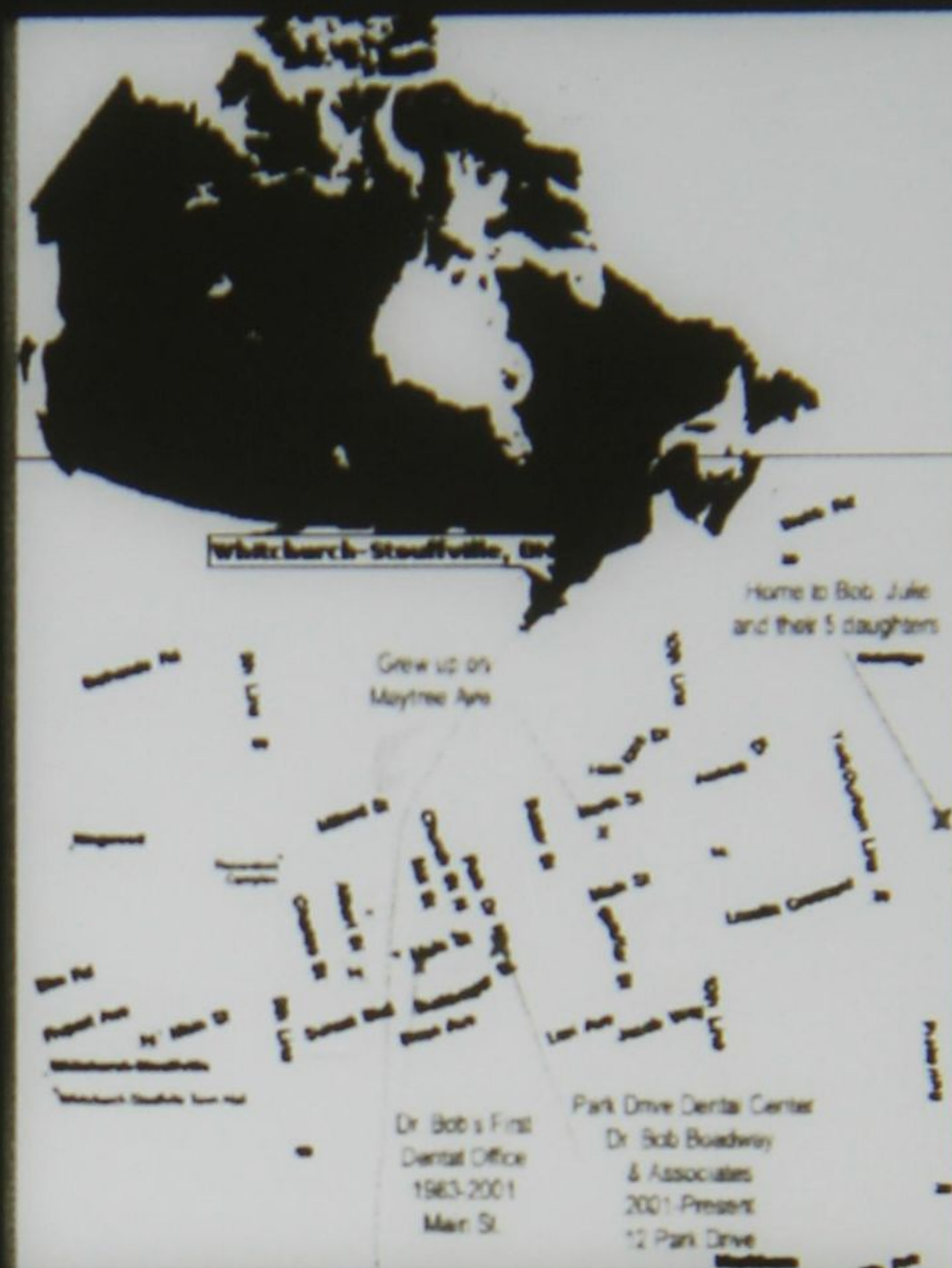


Judith Fowler (left), regional manager of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, presents Jean Barclay with a memento of appreciation for her years of service.



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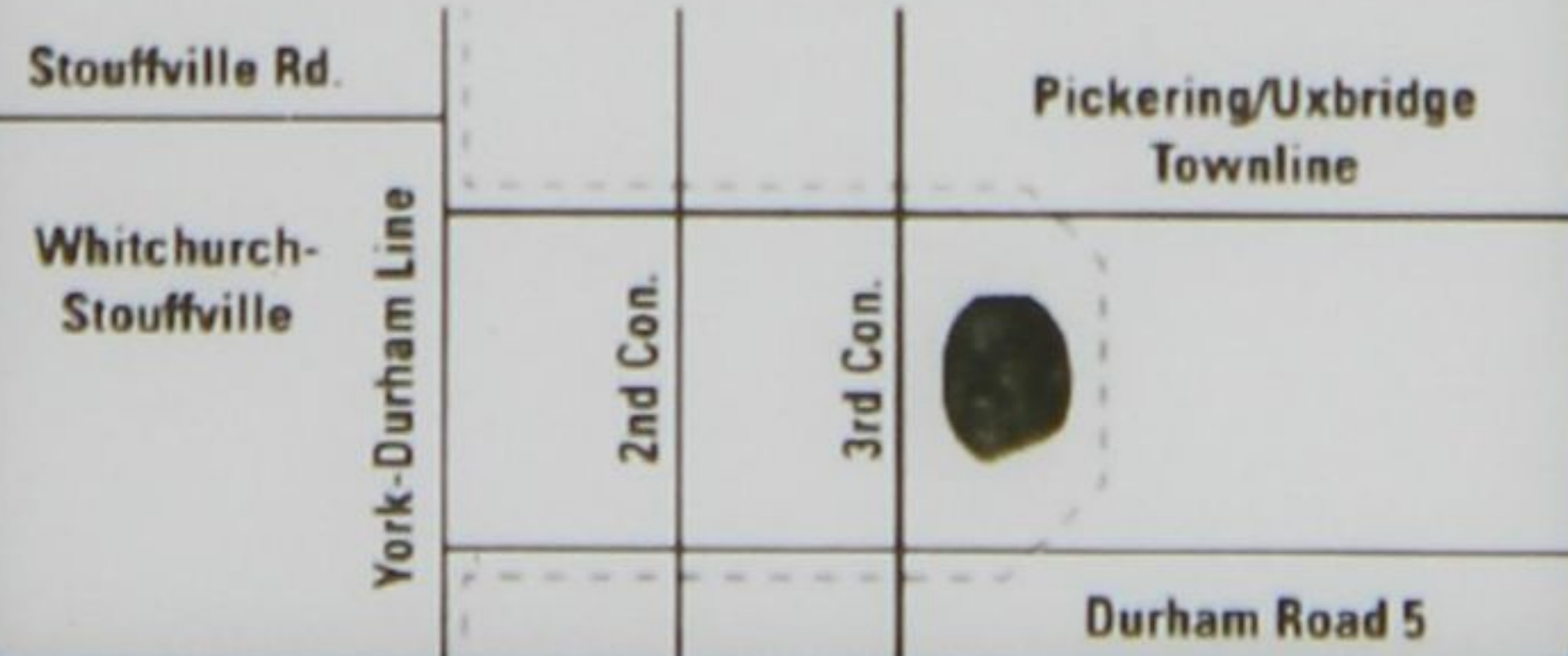
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