

25th Anniversary Celebration THANK YOU!

It is hard to believe with over a year of planning and preparing that the Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival's 25th Anniversary community celebration is over!

This year the Festival kicked off with a Pageant celebrating the return of the historical event and with that event came a number of wonderful ambassadors for the festival. They were assisting anywhere from performing their line dance at the opening ceremonies to presenting prizes at many of our contests. We also saw for the first time the Chinese traditional Lion Dance at the ceremonies and there are more exciting multi-cultural events to come in the following years. We had our own Saturday night Mid Life Crisis band and what a community party that was along with Friday's ever popular Giggles comedy night. In the Kids Zone children were entertained by the Comic Juggler and his friends and then tried out all the great free activities.

To all our sponsors who gave so generously, without your support we would be unable to put on such a great venue and we look forward to your continued support.

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Pyro Mario thank you for such a great 25th Anniversary & Canada Day fireworks show; your company's additional donation to the show didn't go unnoticed as one resident said to me,"The fireworks were the next best show to the Disney show his family saw in Florida." What a compliment! To Bruce Hatt and the town staff, every year we depend on you and your staff to the point we almost feel like family, thank you. What a Team!

Our Strawberry Festival Committee

Alexis Adams
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Elizabeth Fraser Harry French Doris Fusco Nancy Matheson Catherine McCowan Laura Roessler Brandy Rowley Eleanor Rudner

Peter Rudner Lindsay Sherban Sue Sherban Sandra Stronach

Kristina Toomey Yorick Tong Eleanor Winters What can one say about this committee. It is hard to put into words my gratitude for all their expertise and energy. From strawberry hulling, bar tending, vendor assembling and traffic control it is not always easy, but you made it happen for the love of the community festival. You are the volunteers who made this 25th Anniversary the success it was. Congratulations!

Thank You Volunteers!

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Committee members volunteer, but our spouses, family, friends and neighbours are the backbone of our support. They jump in at the last minute and help set up chairs, tables, deliver strawberries, wherever is needed. You do it willingly with smiles and we are very grateful!

Thank You Pageant Volunteers

Cindy Schickedanz, Queen Shaunna Stellinga, 1st Winner Up & Miss Congeniality Rhondah Wilson, 2nd Winner Up Kirstie Hembruff, Miss Talent Courtney Martin Haley Guy Courtney Newmarch

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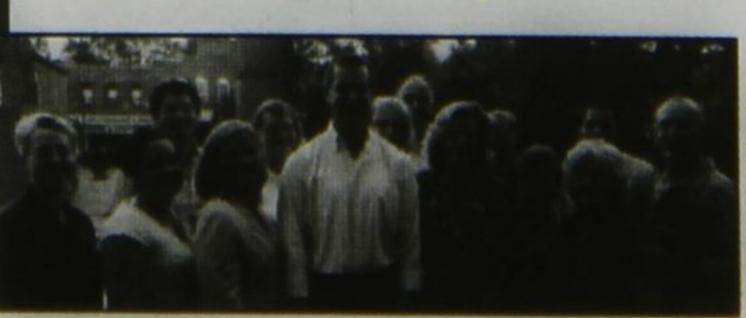
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"Love Stouffville" thank you. This being your 3rd year of providing countless volunteer hours has made it much easier for everyone to to their work easier. As there are so many wonderful community sponsers and vounteers I am truly grateful for anyone I may have missed.

It sure was a treat this year working along side such beautiful, intelligent community ambassadors. You sure made a difference when showing up and helping to present our contest winners their prizes or just being there to cheer them on. A number of community attendees at the festival commented on how lovely it was to have the young ladies around participating in the festival activities. I know it is hard to give up a July 1st weekend that is so precious during summer break. I sincerely thank you!



It really was a special year having a reception planned by our MPP Helena Jaczek with Premier Dalton McGuinty who encouraged us to continue our community building as there is no better way than volunteering to make Whitchurch-Stouffville a better place to play.

This year's festival attendance by our family, friends, neighbours, guest and visitors has well exceeded our previous years of over 35,000 and is encouraging to our committee to see so many new residents as well over the Weekend! I truly hope you enjoyed our 25th Anniversary Strawberry Festival as much as I did and look forward to Strawberry Festival 2010. See you there!

Sincerely, Sue Sherban, Chairperson, 2009