

COMPANION OF THE ORDER RECIPIENT MARILYN KING-LAWRENCE



To offer a different lifestyle for her son, Marilyn moved to the area over 38 years ago. Marilyn operated a business in Collingwood for over 20 years. With her mother and brother being diabetics, Marilyn was inspired to get involved with the Canadian Diabetes Association and Team Diabetes. Team Diabetes offered a means of fundraising in many cities around the world and through this, Marilyn has met so many wonderful people from around the world who have taken up the fight against diabetes.

Marilyn began fundraising by doing book sales, bottle drives and even an art walk where local artists would contribute a piece of work and display it in the windows of local Downtown businesses which then grew to larger community sales events at locations like the Collingwood Legion. Marilyn now has a Team Diabetes web site where she runs specialty sales and weekly auctions 24 hours a day.

Although at times Marilyn's home looks like a warehouse, none of her work would be possible without the generous contributions of local businesses to whom she is truly thankful for. With this support Marilyn has been able to support local food banks, the Salvation Army and local animal shelters with donations. Marilyn is thankful for all the volunteers and donors who give their time selflessly and have made this cause their own.