

Companion of The Order Recipient Deborah (Deb) Keep



Deb received the Order of Collingwood in 2014.

Deb has always believed in volunteering in support of others. When she moved to Collingwood in 1994, she immediately sought opportunities to connect with her new community. This started with volunteering for the BIA at the Elvis Festival and grew to include a board position with My Friends House, Theatre Collingwood, Georgian Triangle Humane Society, Elephant Thoughts and Home Horizon Georgian Triangle Residential Services.

Deb was a key factor in fundraising for the existing animal shelter as well as Director of Fundraising while on the GTHS board. As board chair at Elephant Thoughts, Deb has witnessed the growth of an organization that leased space in Nottawa with a budget of less than \$1M to an organization that proudly owns 2 rural properties (Kimbercote Education Centre and Riverstone Retreat) supporting education for all with an annual operating budget of just over \$5M. Her skills in grant writing and business management have been a great asset. Deb joined the board of Home Horizon, supporting fundraising and grant writing and now is Vice Chair while working on the Finance, Nominations, Strategic Planning and Governance and Policy committees.

Companion of The Order Recipient Mark Redmond



Mark received the Order of Collingwood in 2006.

Mark taught science for 25 at Collingwood Collegiate Institute, where he also coached football and volleyball, as well as organized the local and County Science Fairs. Mark is motivated to give back to the wonderful people of Collingwood who have invested in him to help their children achieve academic success.

Much of Mark's volunteer work has focused on food security and healthy living. Collingwood is blessed with scores of committees, boards and agencies that support these essential pieces of our society. While Mark is mostly known for his work with the Georgian Good Food Box, he has been fortunate to work with hundreds of residents to help build other components of our community, such as Habitat for Humanity, United Way and E3 Community Services Inc. Mark is always grateful for the opportunity to join others to make Collingwood a better place to live, work and play.

Describing himself as a 'single cog in a much larger wheel', Mark has been a board member, chair, tutor or committee member of 11 various committees and boards in Collingwood since 2003.

Companion of The Order Recipient Barbara Ann Sneyd



Barbara Ann received the Order of Collingwood in 2010.

Barb is a graduate of the University of Toronto in Food Sciences. After becoming a registered Therapeutic Dietitian, she worked at the Hospital for Sick Children as a teaching dietitian. When she and her family moved to Collingwood in 1976, she found work in many places but her background in food and nutrition called her to volunteer her skills. Her church, Trinity United, has become the venue for leveraging her skills and training. Barb started with the free meal program delivered through the monthly Community Dinners. As time progressed, gaps in food delivery within the community led her to create a training program using a small crockpot to prepare meals with few or no facilities. Over the last few years, the need for feeding low income or unhoused individuals has illuminated the need for a food pantry during office hours at the church. When COVID hit, this was expanded to include a Food Box which could be accessed 24 hours a day.

Over the years Barb's volunteer efforts have been extended to Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital and The Board of Housing Resource Centre. According to Barbara Ann, "Life has been good."