



News Release

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“Back to the Future” - Celebrates 30 Years of Volunteering

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, April 15th – 21st, Highland Shores Children’s Aid hosted a Volunteer Recognition event on Tuesday, April 17th at its Belleville office.

The theme of the event was “Back to the Future”. This theme highlighted the contribution that Hastings Children’s Aid Society (HCAS) volunteers have made to the Agency over the past thirty years, while looking forward to the important role that volunteers will continue to play at Highland Shores Children’s Aid, the new Society formed as a result of the amalgamation of HCAS and the Children’s Aid Society of Northumberland.

“Over the past thirty years, the Society has been extremely fortunate to have such caring volunteers. Whether they are driving our children to an appointment or school, working with a youth in care, or offering their expertise to a committee or the Board, this group of individuals are committed to making a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve”, said Ann Garvin, Supervisor, Child and Family Services.

In 2011/12 over fifty volunteers gave of their time to the Hastings Children’s Aid Society. Volunteer drivers logged over 350,000 kms as they served families in South and North Hastings. This year, June Cannon celebrated 23 years as a volunteer driver with the Society. On a provincial level, over 5600 volunteers gave over 620,000 hours of volunteer service to Children’s Aid Societies in Ontario.

“Volunteers at Ontario’s child welfare agencies make an enormous difference to the lives of children and youth by being there for them and for their families”, said Mary Ballantyne, Executive Director of the Ontario Association of Children’s Aid Societies.

We are proud to honour them this week and we look forward to celebrating their contributions for many years to come.

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