

Volunteer of the Year

At our annual volunteer banquet we chose winners in 5 categories who have worked tirelessly to support Shelldale Better Beginnings, Better Futures. Congratulations to our winners **Siforan Tesfazghi**, Community Member Volunteer of the Year: Siforan consistently involves, engages and supports this community. She played a key role in the development of our volunteer outreach team.

Atash Abdul Hamid, Youth Volunteer of the Year. Atash reliably dedicates his time whenever needed and is a terrific mentor to the other youth and teens.

Suzanne Riley, Willow Road Public School, Partner Volunteer of the Year. Suzanne has played an integral role in the delivery of the youth mentoring program. She has gone above and beyond in the past 12 years to make a significant impact in the lives of these youth.

Maryn Vonk, Cooperators, Corporate Volunteer of the Year. Maryn has continued to bring teams of volunteers to Shelldale Family Gateway to help with our Breakfast Club, our kitchen and sheds, our Community Garden plots, our Winter Warm Up and the Shelldale Picnic. Her support is endless as she encourages other to do so the same.

Kathy Brophy, Life time Achievement Award in Memory of Charlie Whittaker. Kathy began with us 25 years ago as part of the research team supporting the Better Beginnings, Better Futures project. She continued to remain connected with us as a supporter. She has been part of the development of a book committee publishing the story of our organization. We are grateful for the dedication she has given to this initiative, and her tireless commitment to our organization.



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A Message from our Board President and Executive Director

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has". – Margaret Mead

As we look to reflect on the last year, we can again focus on the many families and members of the community that have been supported in the Onward Willow Neighbourhood. We can celebrate the generous contribution of friends, partners, organizations and neighbours as they continue to donate their time, expertise and resources. We reflect on the strengthening and forming of new and existing partnerships that allow us to be able to increase the amount of supports we are able to provide. Finally, we remain grateful for the dedication and expertise of our incredible staff who each day deliver programming that is reflective of our values and celebrates the amazing community members who they interact with in our programs.

In September, we said Goodbye to Lorri, whose direction and leadership has made an incredible impact on the growth of our organization over the past five years. We

wish her the best of luck, and staff, community members, partners and our Board of Directors will miss her. In her place, we welcome our new Executive Director Michelle Henderson who is excited to be working in such a dynamic and welcoming community.

Changes at a provincial level have created the need to say goodbye to our BBBF name as we adopt our new direction for our 0-6 programming as an EarlyON site. With these changes, we will be able to expand the amount of opportunities for children from birth to 6 years of age to participate in play and inquiry based programs, and support parents and caregivers in this role. We will continue to assist these families in finding support, advice, making personal connections and accessing the vast network of available resources. We also welcome the County of Wellington in overseeing this new EarlyON program and are grateful for their guidance and support during this time of transition.

Despite this change, we continue to support this community through the BBBF model, providing comprehensive services for children, families and our community. Through input from community members, staff and volunteers we pay tribute to one our past names and adopt Shelldale Family Gateway as the new name of our organization moving forward.

As we approach 2018, we are excited about these new changes and the ability we have to continue to work with children and their families. Thank you for all who have given their time, energy and resources in their ongoing commitment to this community.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Nuttley,
Board President
Michelle Henderson,
Executive Director

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