

MEDIA RELEASE

Award winning night at Food Bank

(For immediate release) The stars were out at The Food Bank of Waterloo Region's Annual General Meeting held last (Wednesday) night. A total of 18 awards were presented to various Food Bank supporters representing the public and volunteer sectors as well as the food industry.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 4th annual Nelson Jarvis Award to Floyd and Edna Jenkins of Kitchener as the Food Bank's Distinguished Volunteers of the Year. The retired couple has been associated with the Food Bank for approximately 10 years, sorting food and serving as Volunteer leaders. However, they are best known within the organization for their enthusiasm and dedication towards the annual Check Out Hunger Campaign. Their participation in the Program has directly resulted in raising more than \$40,000 for The Food Bank of Waterloo Region.

Annual Awards recognizing Outstanding Support during the past year were presented to several supporters in a variety of categories ranging from Outstanding Food Donors in the public and food industries, to Community Participation and Volunteer Group efforts. The recipients were: Waterloo Stage Theatre, Insciber, NCR, Mary Johnston Public School, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Queen Margaret Place Apartments in Kitchener, Loblaws Companies East, H.J. Heinz, KOOL FM and Oldies 1090 for Stuff-a-Bus and Resurrection Catholic High School.

Milestone Awards recognizing longstanding support were also presented to NCR, Weber Supply Company, Research in Motion, Schneider Foods, KOOL FM and Oldies 1090 for Stuff-a-Bus and Zehrs Markets.

Shantz Coach Lines was presented with the Presidents Award in recognition of their outstanding support including their service as landlords at the Food Bank's previous location on Shirley Avenue.

"Sometimes it is easy to lose sight of the tremendous amount of generosity and goodwill that exists in our community" says Sean Strickland, Executive Director of The Food Bank of Waterloo Region. "Perhaps it is because we are so close to it. But the AGM was the perfect time to reflect on how fortunate our organization is, as well as properly thank individuals, businesses, schools, organizations, places of worship and the food industry for helping to make Waterloo Region hunger free"

During the business portion of the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors elected Tim Jackson, a Partner with Tech Capital Partners in Waterloo as their new President. He succeeds Ingrid Pregel, who stepped down after eight years as President.

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