

CCD AGM provides an opportunity to say thanks Outstanding volunteers and community partners recognized

WHITBY – The Board of Community Care Durham (CCD) held its 43rd Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, June 16th. The meeting, which was held over Zoom, was attended by over 70 people and provided the Board with the opportunity to recognize and thank some outstanding volunteers and community partners.

The **Lifetime Membership Award** was presented to long-time CCD Board member **Arlene Inkster**. Arlene, who had a 34 year career in healthcare as a nurse and health-care administrator, joined the Board of CCD in 1996 and served on the local advisory committee as well as the Executive Board of CCD.

North Durham resident **Laurie-Jane Schell**, received the **Lynn Morrall Award** in recognition of her outstanding volunteer commitment to CCD's COPE Mental Health Program in co-facilitating Mental Health Support Groups and bringing awareness to the need for additional mental health services in rural settings.

Student **Claire Cardle**, who volunteers for CCD and a number of other community organizations, was presented with the **Brent Farr Award** and a bursary to support her upcoming studies at Durham College in recognition of her positive focus on improving the community.

Alzheimer Society of Durham Region, which has a long history of providing joint education, advocacy and services with CCD, received the **Community Service Recognition Award** in recognition of its outstanding support and strategic partnership with Community Care Durham in delivering care to local residents.

The **Corporate Leadership Award** was presented to **Durham College** in recognition of its outstanding support in educating and preparing students for careers in community-based care and for partnering with Community Care Durham to launch the new Community Food Box program.

The AGM also included a report from the Board President and the CEO outlining the previous year's accomplishments as the organization supported local residents with a vast array of services including:

- Access to Primary Care
- Adult Day Programs
- Assisted Living and Supportive Housing
- Community Food Box program
- COPE Mental Health Support Groups
- Exercise & Falls Prevention classes
- Foot Care Clinics
- Friendly Visiting services



Community Care Durham (CCD) is a multi-service registered charitable organization providing a broad range of support services for individuals over the age of 16 and their caregivers so that people are enabled to maximize their independence and thrive where they choose to live. At CCD, coordinated networks of volunteers and inter-professional staff, working out of integrated community hubs and other locations, strive to enrich the well-being and quality of life for people who choose to live at home. As the largest community support services agency in Durham Region, CCD collaborates with its partners and the broader community to address community issues and support local citizens to achieve their goals to live independently.

- Home Help and Home Maintenance
- Home at Last (HAL) support
- In-Home Respite
- Luncheon Out programs
- Meals on Wheels services
- Telephone Reassurance
- Transportation

“On behalf of the Board and all our clients, I would also like to thank CCD staff and all of our dedicated volunteers for the tremendous work they have done to keep essential services going since mid-March,” said Wendy Marks, President, CCD Board of Directors. “I know that our clients and their caregivers have appreciated their commitment and innovative response to safely supporting people to live independently in their own homes.”

“Over the past year, with the support of our staff, volunteers, donors and partners we have made some substantial and fundamental improvements at Community Care Durham,” said James Meloche, CEO, Community Care Durham. “I am proud of our team, our accomplishments and our dedication to our mission. But more so I am excited for what the future holds for all of us.”

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- To download a recording of CCD’s 43rd Annual General Meeting, please visit the CCD website at www.communitycaredurham.on.ca and click on <http://communitycaredurham.on.ca/about-us/agm/>
- If you have expertise in the areas of Finance, Technology or Philanthropy and are interested in joining the Board of CCD, please click on <http://communitycaredurham.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Volunteer-Board-of-Directors.pdf> or email rkeys@communitycaredurham.on.ca.

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