**Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre celebrates its volunteers**

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) held a Volunteer Recognition Party on December 5 as part of the International Day of the Volunteer initiative. With 75 in attendance including Potton Mayor, Jacques Marcoux and council members, Jason Ball and Michael Laplume, the event held at the office of the CABMN was jam packed with a joyful buzz as attendees enjoyed cheeses donated by the Fromagerie St. Benoit du Lac, wine donated by the CAB Board and volunteers as well as meat platters prepared by the Marche Richelieu (Jacques Ducharme).

“We are proud to announce that the CABMN now has 166 registered volunteers that contribute immensely to the community and beyond in so many ways,” shared CAB President, Charles Laustin.

As part of the evening, the Karen Muzerall Memorial Award for outstanding volunteer contribution was awarded to three of the long-time CAB volunteers: Brenda Clark, Laurette Rouleau and Kenneth Wraith, all of whom have been giving of their time and talents for over twenty years as part of the CAB family of volunteers. The awards were presented by members of the CAB staff who spoke from the heart while addressing the recipients with emotion and pride.

“Volunteering is one of community’s most valuable resources,” said Potton Mayor, Jacques Marcoux (husband of Karen Muzerall). “Karen contributed as a volunteer to this community and she would be so proud if she were here to have this award given in her memory.”

Musician, David Sturton was present at the event where he performed a song in memory of Karen entitled, “These are a few of my favorite things.” Sturton was a lovely addition to the celebration and performed with ease bringing the crowd along with him as he gently strummed the guitar and sang.

The CABMN staff, Board of Directors, and Committee Members wish to extend their appreciation to volunteers everywhere for the tremendous contribution made and the time given. Without volunteers, community life would definitely suffer and Potton is proud to boast of their appreciation to volunteers every-where for the tremendous contribution made and the time given. Without volunteers, community life would definitely suffer and Potton is proud to boast in regards to its people power.

For more information about the CABMN, visit www.cabmn.org where you can sign up to receive their newsletter with weekly updates in regards to programs, events and special announcements. You can reach their office and Youth Centre by calling: (Main Office) 450-292-3114 or the (YC) at 450-292-4886.

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