



Margaret Durham

Above & Beyond Award

Food4Kids Halton volunteers are angels on earth and each one of them deserves our thanks and appreciation every day. However, the volunteer receiving this year's Above and Beyond award has certainly earned its title.

Margaret Durham has been a leading member of the Food4Kids Milton team since its inception. She began as part of the Optimist Club of Milton who, at the time, ran the program. Since its beginning it has operated out of several spaces, quickly outgrowing each until finding its more permanent home at Country Heritage Park. With each move, Margaret moved with it and also took more of an active role in organizing the weekly duties including sourcing food, and arranging the volunteers needed to pack and deliver the food bags each week.

In September 2020, Stacey came on board in an effort to help manage the ever-growing needs of the program in Milton. Margaret became her tutor, passing along all she could to successfully hand over the leadership reigns. She did it with grace, servitude, and genuine care.

During COVID, as most of us experienced, Food4Kids Halton needed to adapt to what seemed like daily changes in safety protocols, school closures, vaccine mandates, etc. Through it all, Margaret never wavered and stood strong with us helping to accommodate each request ensuring we never missed a beat.

Inevitably, some volunteers were not able to help throughout the pandemic so she, with the help of her husband Mark, stepped up and played multiple roles when and where necessary to make the magic happen. She also actively enlisted more volunteers from out in the community who are still with us today.

For these reasons and more, we are proud to present our star volunteer, our friend, Mrs. Margaret Durham the Food4Kids Halton's Above and Beyond Award.