

YMCA of Fredericton Peace Week and Peace Medallion Recipient - Georgette Roy

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As part of YMCA Peace Week, YMCAs across Canada present the YMCA Peace Medallion to individuals or to a group, who, without any special resources, demonstrate a commitment to the values of PEACE. The values of PEACE are Participation, Empathy, Advocacy, Community and Empowerment and this year, the Peace Medallion is awarded to an individual who has demonstrated these values for over 20 years through her generosity and commitment to the Fredericton community. We are pleased to announce that Georgette Roy is this year's recipient of the Peace Medallion.

Georgette Roy's mission is to ensure that people in her community have a warm and safe place to sleep. In the last 10 years alone, Georgette has raised well over \$300,000 for the Fredericton Homeless Shelters. She has done this by organizing dinners, silent auctions, and bake & craft sales.

Since 2000, each resident of the Fredericton Homeless Shelter has woken up to a gift to open on Christmas morning. Georgette first started this project by inviting friends, family and community members to collect items such as hats, mittens and candy for the bags. In time, the initiative has grown into a Bake and Craft sale, where the proceeds go towards purchasing items for the gift bags. Now, the Bake and Craft sale is so successful, that Georgette has been instrumental in raising on average \$800.00 per Bake and Craft sale. "Her work for the homeless shelters has saved a lot of lives and that sort of heartfelt giving is something that is truly, it's almost beyond words." Says Warren Maddox, executive director of the Fredericton Homeless Shelters.

Maureen Michaud, President of Epsilon Y Service Club Women describes Georgette as, "A cherished member of our club and our Community. She has strong leadership qualities, and will never say no to a challenge. She is kind, considerate of everyone, and possesses a special ability to get club members and friends and family to help her with her fundraising activities."

Georgette is renowned for her positive energy and boundless determination, and is lovingly described as "a force of nature." The YMCA of Fredericton is honoured to award Georgette Roy with the Peace Medallion because she is building peace in our community through compassion and generosity.

