

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD CITATION

WALTER FREEMAN

Walt Freeman lives and works on the family farm purchased by his Grandfather, Dr. Norman Freeman in 1921. The farm has 6 full time employees and during certain seasons another 10 part time employees are needed. Walt has been the organist and choir director at Battersea United Church for 16 years. Walt was a member of Kingston's Rob Roy Pipe Band and Highland Dancers from 1982 to 2000. He still enjoys playing the bagpipes and frequently volunteers to lead parades and other social functions. Walt joined the Masonic Order in 1979 and continues as an active member. He also works with a group of volunteers who bring local musical performers to Battersea to perform at the Church Hall.

Walt has helped organize the Battersea Pumpkin Festival since the beginning and helps with the musical performances.

He works tirelessly to assist in many social functions for the community and when there is entertainment involved, Walt is the first person that people think to call. He is a very talented, artistic individual who donates many hours per week to bring culture and entertainment to his community. Walt donates his time and talent to any worthy cause and does so humbly and without any fanfare. He is a fine, friendly community supporter who donates countless hours to the church, the choir and his community and deserves the recognition as one of South Frontenac's Volunteer of the Year recipient.