

CITATION FOR NORM IRWIN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR 2013

Norm Irwin is a volunteer's volunteer. A lifelong resident of South Frontenac he graduated from Sydenham High School. As a student he excelled in both basketball and football.

However his first love was baseball. He started coaching at the age of 16 and has been actively involved in minor baseball ever since. He coached Central Frontenac Cyclones Rep. Fastball Teams from 2000 to 2013 from Mite to Junior Division. If you wanted to find Norm between April and October just go to one of the local baseball diamonds. This schedule requires a very supportive family. His wife Sheryl, his sons Doug and Brett, and his daughter Jacklyn are actively involved in Norm's coaching activities. Over his career Norm has won 4 Ontario Championships (Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam, and Junior).

In addition to his coaching, Norm has provided outstanding leadership in the baseball community. He has served as the President of the following baseball associations: Central Frontenac Rep. Fastball Association 2005-current, Sydenham Minor Softball Association 2008-current and Eastern Ontario Softball Association 2005-2010.

In addition to his coaching and his administrative leadership, Norm has performed field maintenance at Dave Bowes Memorial Park and the Diamond at The Point in Sydenham from 2008-current. Norm also has provided countless hours of property maintenance on behalf of the Township.

In addition to his baseball exploits, Norm has been very active in other community activities. He has been a member of the Loughborough Parks and Recreation Committee since 2008. He has been leader in the Friday Night Lights Committee which was instrumental in acquiring lights on McLellan Field in Sydenham for the past seven years. This committee through fundraising donated over \$30,000 to this project.

Not only has he been active in baseball, he has coached Bantam Rep. Hockey and he has refereed the Wednesday Night Basketball League for 5 years. Norm's contribution to the school community was recognized this year by Sydenham High School when he was awarded the Hilliard Watson Memorial Trophy for Community Involvement.

Norm's passion for sports and commitment to the community makes him a worthy recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award from 2013.

