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## Volunteer of the Year

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Nominee and Recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award - *Kathy Bradshaw*

As Volunteer Coordinator for four years with “Jazz at the Lake”, Kathy has expanded a volunteer force from four to over forty. She believes in the organizations she volunteers for with such a passion that the people around her find her feelings contagious. She wears many hats and can switch modalities and levels of direction as smoothly as a well-oiled machine and always with humour. Each year she is responsible for organizing and orchestrating the number of volunteers necessary at 15 events staged in a three day span, sometimes simultaneously, at various locations throughout the Town of Sylvan Lake. Her contributions allow the festival producers to do what they need to do in order to provide opportunities for students and musicians to practice their artistry in front of a live audience, thereby keeping the Sylvan Lake history of Jazz alive. This persons contributions fall into four of the five Healthy Communities Initiative Vision areas. Her volunteer activities allow the festival to operate smoothly and grow, creating a three day yearly opportunity for not just he volunteers, but all those in attendance throughout the community to come together and connect with each other in a variety of settings. Her efforts assist in bringing world-class musicians to the Town of Sylvan Lake which helps to promote balance and healthy living by inclusion of live music and the arts into our thriving community. Living together in a community that is creating balance through people of all walks is healthy living.



Other examples of her Volunteer activities are:

Assisting Girl Guides during the 2006 Trauma tour to help them raise \$1,137.00 and has been a Girl Guide Leader and a member of the Communities in Bloom.

Kathy also sits on the “Sylvan Lake Town & Area Community Foundation” and the “Library Board”.

*Congratulations Kathy!*

## Outstanding Volunteer Award

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Volunteer of the Year Nominee *Betty Finner* was recognized for her many years of outstanding volunteer contributions to the Community of Sylvan Lake.

Betty has contributed many volunteer hours and many years of community services as a member of the former I.O.D.E. and "Ladies Time Out" where she was an integral part in making "Worry Bears" for the children who attend local Rainbows program. The handmade bears and their bags made for the children to tell their worries to and when the bears are tucked into their bags, the worries go away. Betty has made blankets, bibs, cookies and soup jars for the new moms and Healthy Families program and donated homemade perogies to the Volunteer Christmas Dinner.

Betty was the first elected President of the Lions Club of Sylvan Lake and has been involved with the Lions and Lioness groups for many years. She volunteers her time with hospice along and their families who are suffering through cancer.

*Thank You Betty!*

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Congratulations and Thank You to all the Volunteer of the Year Nominees:  
Kathy Bradshaw, Royal Canadian Ladies Legion Auxilliary,  
Communities in Bloom, Rhonda Schwab, Barb Watson and Betty Finner.

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