

Community Care Northumberland

Encouraging Volunteerism in the Municipality of Port Hope during “March for Meals” Initiative

March 26th, 2018 (Port Hope)

Community Care Northumberland (CCN) is pleased to announce its participation in the North American 2018 March for Meals Initiative in the Municipality of Port Hope and throughout Northumberland County.

As part of our month long initiative, Deputy Mayor Greg Burns joined with volunteers in Port Hope on March 26th, delivering hot meals to local Meals on Wheels clients.



Pictured (l-r) Deputy Mayor Greg Burns, Murielle and Peter Haywood – CCN’s Meals on Wheels volunteer, Mike Gibson – CCN driver, Sheri Birney – Program Coordinator

“We are hoping this initiative will bring attention to our need for Meals on Wheels volunteers,” said Trish Baird – Executive Director of CCN. “The Meals on Wheels program is growing and without volunteers we will be forced to cap service because we simply cannot keep up with the demand.”

In Port Hope, volunteers pick up the hot prepared Meals on Wheels insulated bags at Extendicare and deliver them to clients on a pre-planned route around the noon hour. The pre-planned route of stops takes no longer than 1 hour. When the route is completed, the volunteers return the bags to Extendicare.

With the help of local volunteers, hot and frozen meals are delivered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the Municipality of Port Hope. Last year, Community Care Northumberland volunteers delivered over 26,000 total meals throughout Northumberland County.

“Though the food is welcome, sometimes the human contact matters even more,” said Baird. “For some of our clients, socialization isn't just a perk of the program; it's a life-saver.”

“I want to thank Deputy Mayor Greg Burns from the Municipality of Port Hope for his participation in this year's March for Meals initiative to raise awareness for the need of Meals on Wheels volunteers in this area of the County, “she added.

For additional program information or to volunteer as a Meal on Wheels driver, please contact Community Care Northumberland's Port Hope office at (905)885-9860 or porthope@commcare.ca

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