

**Family and Community Service Award**

**Conferred upon nathalie maione June 28th, 2022**

**Nathalie Maione is the founder and President of a local charity called "Helping with Furniture". In 2007 she and some of her church members recognized the need to support newly-arrived refugees who came to Canada with limited belongings. They had scantily furnished apartments, with little clothing, kitchen or household items. Nathalie and her team began collecting useable furniture and delivering it to those needy families.**

**Their program grew and now their beneficiaries include "all those in need" with organizations offering support to domestic abuse victims at Nelson House, Children's Aid Society, and Interval House .**

**In 2020, 21 courageous women and their children began violence-free lives with HWF's help. Now there are more than 90 local agencies and organizations who refer individuals and families to HWF for their assistance.**

**Helping with Furniture not only supplies bikes, but also refurbished computers to needy individuals. This has become more important than ever, with Covid often requiring students to work from home.**

**HWF has made significant contributions to the betterment of literally thousands of people in our community, who otherwise would have fallen through the cracks. Nathalie's dedication and enthusiasm has made a huge impact on people in the Ottawa area and is a most worthy of our family and community service award**

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Rotary clubs may confer the Family and Community Service Award on individuals and organizations for outstanding service to families and communities, or in recognition of the positive contributions to individual Rotary clubs made by spouses or family members of Rotarians.

For organizations as well as individuals not related to a member of the Rotary Club of West Ottawa: The awardee must have provided outstanding service to families, neighbourhoods or local communities in the National Capital Region.

For members of families of West Ottawa Rotarians, the awardee must either:

* Have provided outstanding service to families, neighbourhoods or local communities in the National Capital Region, or
* Have made a significant contribution to the work of the Rotary Club of West Ottawa.

The following persons and organizations have received this Award:

2009 Trudi Kersley; Ottawa Police Service.

2010 City of Ottawa, Parks & Recreation

2011 Bushtukah; Dorothy Young

2013 St. Luke’s Lunch Club & Drop-In Centre

2014 Parkdale Food Centre

2015 Twice Upon A Time

2018 Cat Weaver; Jennifer Wyatt & Deborah Wyatt; Ryan Armitage

2019 West Carleton Warriors; Results Canada – Ottawa Chapter; Hospice Care Ottawa

2021 The Ottawa Tool Library

2022 Nathalie Maione

2022 Shelter Movers Ottawa