

**Family and Community Service Award**

**Conferred upon shelter movers ottawa June 28th, 2022**

**Shelter Movers Ottawa, started in 2016 as a national, volunteer-powered organization, providing moving and storage services at no cost to women and children suffering abuse.**

**It is the only service of its kind, operating in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax, Vancouver and Waterloo. Since 2016 they have completed over 3,400 moves, transitioning women and their children to lives free of abuse. Their community partners include: shelters, police and hospitals.**

**They provide free moving and storage services to survivors who are in need of a safe home. By offering this service, Shelter Movers is providing a simple solution to the complex problem of ending gender-based violence.**

**Shelter Movers Ottawa, which opened in October of 2017 was the second chapter in Canada. By 2020 this office had completed 500 moves. This was only possible because of their huge volunteer base including: movers, drivers, coordinators, administrators, marketers and managers.**

**Their work has contributed to building a safe, vibrant community for all. they are a most worthy recipient 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 Shelter Movers Ottawa