

**Ruth Martin Award for Community Service**

**Conferred upon The Shepherds of Good Hope**

**June 28th, 2022**

**The Shepherds were founded in 1983 and are likely best known for its provision of food to those living without shelter and those in need through its soup kitchens. But, their long term goal is to create long-term solutions by building homes for all, community for all and hope for all.**

**They foster hope and reduce harm in Ottawa by supporting people experiencing homelessness and vulnerable adults in our community through specialized services, programs and partnerships.**

**The Shepherds serve a diverse clientele in our community: people of all genders, ethnicities, sexual orientations and religions.**

**Last year in Ottawa they provide 62,500 meals in their soup kitchen, 2,677 used their shelter programs, and 195 people got permanent stable housing in their supportive housing program.**

**They have had a decade's long impact on the well-being of the community in the National Capital Region and are most worthy of the Ruth Martin Award for Community service**

**The Ruth Martin Award for Community Service**

**Ruth Martin, after whom this Award is named, dedicated much of her life to the betterment of the community at large. Ruth’s husband, John Martin, established this Award with the Rotary Club of West Ottawa after her death in tribute to her ideals and life of service to the community.**

**The Awardee must have performed noteworthy service over a period of years for the well-being of the community that encompasses the National Capital Region. Any organization or individual is eligible Except the Rotary Club of West Ottawa or members of that Club.**

**The following people and organizations in Ottawa to date have received this award:**

**1996 Patricia Henry 1997 Elsie Gertrude Scott**

**1998 Elizabeth I. Davies 1999 Margaret Pranschke**

**2000 Diane Craig 2001 Moe Atallah**

**2002 Eva Lamb 2003 Marion Gullock**

**2004 Jim McNeill 2005 Barry Bregman**

**2006 Charles Austin 2008 Elaine Garfinkel**

**2009 Kevin Frost 2010 Mark Emery**

**2011 Don Flynn 2012 Margaret Knight**

**2013 Hazel Bowen 2014 Kent & Mary Brown**

**2016 Rev. Anthony Bailey 2018 Isabelle Nicol & Sandra Garland**

 **2019 Shehla Kerim 2020 Jenn Hayward**

 **2021 Myrna Hay 2022 Shepherds of Good Hope**

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