

**CITATION FOR NORMAN C. ROBERTS
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2011**

Norman C. Roberts started life in Hare Bay, Newfoundland over 60 years ago. He is the second of seven children. Norm's father was an excellent role model as his Dad has been involved with the Salvation Army's Kettle Campaign for over 20 years.

As a young man, Norm followed his brother to Calgary for work. While in Calgary, Norm started his volunteer work refereeing hockey in communities that could not afford a referee.

After a time in Calgary, Norm and his wife, Connie, moved to Belleville where Norm's volunteer work really began. Norm's two children were actively involved in many activities and sports. Norm has been a hockey, ball hockey and baseball coach, referee and head referee as well as President of Belleville Minor Hockey.

One of his volunteer activities that was particularly satisfying was his work as a Cub and Scout Leader. He acquired wisdom and knowledge about the Township of South Frontenac through these volunteer experiences.

Norm has made significant contributions to the Township of South Frontenac. Upon his arrival here, Norm searched out opportunities to volunteer. He joined the Storrington Recreation Committee. The Committee felt that there was a need for a soccer program. Norm and Howard Pearce took on the challenge and now, 16 years later, the program has gone from serving 128 local kids to over 450. Norm has been a coach, division convenor, head referee and vice president.

Norm's greatest contribution has been the instituting of the Club Bursary program. This program takes the proceeds from the tournament weekend canteen and funnels them into the Club's Bursary program. Since its inception, it has helped over 120 kids play soccer in Storrington District. Norm has been responsible for this program from inception to present. The Bursary program is completely confidential. However, one of Norm's fondest memories is a visit he made to a family and the five year old that sat patiently listening to the discussion about the family's needs and then politely asked his Mother if this was the man who was going to let him play soccer? He thanked Norm for the opportunity to play soccer. It was at that point that whether there was money or not, Norm would have paid for it himself. If for no other reason than that, Norman C. Roberts should be considered as Volunteer of the Year.

We wish to thank Norman Roberts for his many contributions to this community by recognizing him as a Volunteer of the Year.