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Chatham Goodfellows – Celebrating 62 years of helping local families in need



‘No Child Without a Christmas’

Lifetime Achievement Award

Union Gas Employees receive the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award from President Scott Williston, and Director Tim Mifflin.



L – R – Scott Williston Chatham Goodfellows, Union Gas Staff - Paul Rietdyk, Vice President of Engineering Union Gas, Jeff Wesley, Lynda Anderson, Mark Lacina, Brian Cox, Bridget Cox, Ann Preston, Angela Scott, Dave Simpson, Vice-President of Lands and Public Affairs Union Gas, and Tim Mifflin Chatham Goodfellows.

In 1954 Chatham Goodfellows embarked on its campaign that had a simple motto, “No Child Without a Christmas”. Through donations and volunteer efforts, the Chatham Goodfellows have helped brighten thousands of people on Christmas morning ensuring there are toys for children and food for a holiday meal.

During the 1950’s Chatham Goodfellows modest budget of a few thousand dollars provided boxes of food and toys to approximately 200 families in Chatham. This year, the 62nd year of operation, the Chatham Goodfellows budget of well over \$125,000 will provide boxes of food and toys for over 1400 families in Chatham, the former townships Dover, Chatham Harwich, and Raleigh as well as Merlin in partnership with Merlin Legion.

Goodfellows’ Code

Goodfellows follow a simple code
It’s helping the chap who’s bearing a load.
It’s bringing a smile to a youngster’s face,
Restoring his trust in the human race.
It’s sharing the warmth of year-end joys,
With thousands of worthy girls and boys.
It’s helping the young and old to know
That someone cares when ill winds blow.
It’s smoothing the way when the road is rough.
It’s understanding a neighbour’s plight,
And caring enough to do what’s right.
It’s living again the ancient law
When the Good Samaritan came and saw,
And did not pass on the other side
But offered his hand, a friend to guide.
This, in the Goodfellows’ Code is writ:
The best of life and the worth of it
Is not, how much can I get for me
But what I have done to be neighbourly.

Since 1954 Chatham Goodfellows has seen the need rise along with the budget. One constant that remains, Chatham Goodfellows is a volunteer organization that depends totally on volunteers to sit on the Board of Directors, purchasing goods, organize events, raise funds, collect, pack, and deliver toys and food.

Volunteers are vital to Chatham Goodfellows success. In recognition for their work, volunteers are rewarded with a hot bowl of soup, sandwich, hot drink and a sweet treat. In addition, the Chatham Goodfellows Board of Directors recognize volunteers with Certificates of Appreciation, volunteer businesses with President’s Award, and the coveted Mrs./Mr. Goodfellow Award.

This year the Chatham Goodfellows Board of Directors is introducing the “Lifetime Achievement Award” to recognized individuals or organizations who;

- Provide no less than 25 years of continuous service
- Extraordinary philanthropy by an individual or organization
- Continues to encouraged the development of leadership among staff, colleagues or family
- Is an inspiration to others, displaying professionalism, a consistently positive and motivating attitude, and demonstrating ongoing respect for others
- Has inspired, shared and developed a vision for the future for development of philanthropy
- Is a good citizen that contributes to the well-being of the CommunityHas inspired, shared and developed a vision for the future for development of philanthropy

It was a difficult decision deciding which person or organization would be the inaugural recipient of the Chatham Goodfellows Lifetime Achievement Award. After long deliberation, the Chatham Goodfellows Board of Directors chose Union Gas Employees.

The Union Gas Blue Flame Club has been involved with Chatham Goodfellows as far back as 1975. During the early years, bins were placed in the lobby at head office and employees donated food and toy items. For every pound of food collected the Sales and Marketing department donated \$1.00 through their “Care-A-Ton” program.

Union Gas employees developed and maintain partnerships with Heinz Food, Kraft in Dresden and the Bulk Barn to fund raise, purchase food and deliver food each year. Employees use unique fund raising events, such as jersey days, pizza days, bake sales, raffles, breakfasts, lunches, glass turkeys, gift baskets, golf packages and hot turkey lunches, and Halloween Spooktacular to raise cash, food and toys for Chatham Goodfellows. Union Gas employee have donated thousands of hours of sweat equity, and over \$500,000 in toys, food and cash to Chatham Goodfellows .

In 1999 the Union Gas Blue Flame Club/ Employees’ Charities received the Chatham Goodfellows Presidents Award, and in 2005 long-term Union Gas Employee, Lynda Anderson received the Mrs. Goodfellow Award. Union Gas employees continue to be good citizens that contribute to our community, and they demonstrate long term community of practice for philanthropy to all of the citizens of Chatham-Kent.

The Employees of Union Gas exceed all of the requirements for the Chatham Goodfellows Lifetime Achievement Award, and they are an excellent choice for the inaugural Award.

President’s Message

Chatham Goodfellows is preparing to begin our 62nd year of ensuring “No Child Without a Christmas”. We had a humble beginning in 1954, a few volunteers worked tirelessly during the first Goodfellows campaign to provide food and toys for slightly over 100 families in the City of Chatham.



Today over 1500 volunteers will raise funds, donate, pack and deliver food and toys for over 1400 families in Chatham and the former townships of Chatham, Dover and Harwich, as well as partnering with the Merlin Legion to provide for those in need in the Merlin area.

The Williston family have been involved with Chatham Goodfellows for parts of seven decades. Chatham Goodfellows is important to my family, and it is an honour for me to serve as the President of Chatham Goodfellows during our 62nd anniversary.

The Chatham Goodfellows motto, “NO CHILD WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS” resonates as much today as it did 62 years ago. We will continue to provide food and toy boxes for those families in need at Christmas time to ensure that “No Child Without a Christmas”.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, we once again ask the citizens of Chatham-Kent to consider donating to ensure there will be “No Child Without a Christmas. Have a safe and joyous Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Scott Williston
President Chatham Goodfellows*

Angela Scott, Bridget and Brian Cox Mrs./Mr. Goodfellow 2016



Brian Cox, Angela Scott and Bridget Cox receive the 2016 Goodfellow Award from Rose Peseski, Scott Williston, Tim Haskell and Tim Mifflin.

Each year the Chatham Goodfellows Board of Directors Executive Committee has to make the difficult decision of choosing the Mrs. /Mr. Goodfellow. It is a decision that is not taken lightly. The Chatham Goodfellows Executive Committee is guided by the simple code that is printed every year in the Chatham Goodfellows newspaper.

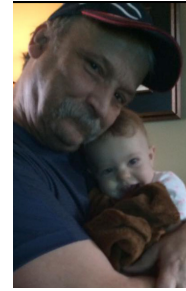
The final stanza of the code accurately describes the recipients for 2016; “the Goodfellows’ Code is writ: The best of life and the worth of it. Is not, how much can I get for me, But what I have done to be neighbourly”.

Our recipient’s involvement began by helping out, but their leadership role for their organization blossomed in 2009. A former Mrs. Goodfellow and Chatham Goodfellow leader in her organization had to step back for personal reasons in 2009. Our recipients had “big shoes to fill!” While Chatham Goodfellows Board were sad to lose a tremendous champion for Chatham Goodfellows, the Board was pleased to gain three new champions who embrace the culture of community of practice of philanthropy.

Our recipients held jersey days, unique raffles, interesting luncheons & breakfasts as well as Spooktacular. In the words of the of Chatham Goodfellows 2005 Mrs. Goodfellow Linda Anderson, the rest is history. Since they took over the reins, it has just gotten bigger and better. The hard work and dedication of our recipients are responsible for continuing the community of practice of philanthropy with Union Gas employees. They are responsible to helping Union Gas employees reach thousands of hours of sweat equity and over \$500,000 in donations.

Angela Scott, Bridget Cox and Brian Cox are Mrs./Mr. Goodfellow 2016.

Dedication of former Goodfellow



Robb Vincent
Former President 2001-2002
Former Mr. Goodfellow 1997



Tom Peseski
longtime Goodfellow - Hinnegan-
Peseski Funeral Home

President Award



Dean and Barb Mills receive the President’s Award from Scott Williston

This year’s President’s Award winner has been a valued supplier to Chatham GoodFellow’s for more than 20 years. They are also always more than pleased to step forward and fill orders that are short or missing, often on the day of food packing. These orders are filled quickly and efficiently, and rarely is the food assembly line ever stopped for food shortages.

Chatham Goodfellows have used banana boxes to pack food for large families for many years. Banana boxes are large enough and sturdy enough to hold over 25 kg of perishable and non-perishable food. Normally 500-700 banana boxes are needed each year to meet the need in Chatham-Kent. Chatham Goodfellows are grateful that banana producers continue to use these strong cardboard boxes, and we are deeply indebted to Dean and Barb’s No Frills for saving all of their empty banana boxes for Chatham Goodfellows.

Chatham Goodfellows depend on the dedication of businesses, organizations and citizens to volunteer and help brighten the Christmas morning for those in need, and to ensure that “No Child Without A Christmas”. Dean and Barb Mills, owners of Dean and Barb’s No Frills is one of those dedicated businesses that Chatham Goodfellows have depended on for well over 20 years.



Message from Mayor Randy Hope

As Mayor of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, I am pleased to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Chatham Goodfellows for their commitment and efforts in providing toys and food baskets to those less fortunate in our community.

In the true spirit of the season, volunteers dedicate endless hours of their time canvassing and collecting donations to ensure “**No Child is Without a Christmas**”. Their kindness and dedication over the past 62 seasons is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support and contributions to the Chatham Goodfellows. On behalf of Chatham-Kent Council, I wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Sincerely,

Randy R. Hope, Mayor/CEO
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

On behalf of Chatham-Kent Council:
Mark Authier, Michael Bondy, Darrin Canniff, Joe Faas, Bryon Fluker, Karen Herman, Leon Leclair, Brock McGregor, Carmen McGregor, Bob Myers, Steve Pinsonneault, Derek Robertson, Doug Sulman, Trevor Thompson, David VanDamme, Frank Vercouteren, Jeff Wesley.



Certificate Award Presentations



Hugh Van Pelt receives a Chatham Goodfellows certificate from Chatham Goodfellows Director Tim Haskell.



Sandra Vandeborn receives a Chatham Goodfellows certificate from Director Mary Ann Wieringa



Maddie Moss receives a certificate from Director Tim Mifflin



Dick Pouget receives a certificate from Director Marv Merritt.



Director Linda Haskell presents certificates to Judy Vanderheide and Ann Spooner while Director Judy Bagley looks on.



Brandi McKinley, Aarron White, Rocky Schram on behalf of his children Richard and Conner, Cindy McDougall, and Mark and Cindy Lacina on behalf of their children Eric and Georgina receive certificates from Directors Rose Peseski and Tim Haskell .



Busy Hands Knitters – Chatham Goodfellow Director Judy Bagley presents a Certificate Award to Busy Hands Knitters Elinor Wilson, Helen Dickson, Wilma Board and Cynthia Evans while Goodfellow Director Linda Haskell looks on.



Goodfellow Director Bonnie Regnier presents certificates to Becky and Sean Miller for the Miller Family, Emily Goncalo, Nicole LeClerc, and Richard Regnier while Goodfellow Director Kevin Shaw looks on.

Key 2016 Campaign Dates

- November 7, 2016 Goodfellows office at the Spirit and Life Centre Wellington Street West Chatham - Monday – Friday 9 am and 3 pm at 354-1146.
- December 2, 2016 last day for applications
- December 5, 2016 Porchlight at Spirit and Life Centre. Chairpersons - Dawn Allott, Craig Williston, Judy Bagley.
- December 12 to December 15 Toy Packing 6pm to 8pm at 280 Grand Avenue East (Old Sunnen//Guspro Building). Delivery date is Tuesday, December 20, after 5:30. Chairpersons - Rose Peseski & Tim Haskell.
- December 16 - December 17 Street Sales - Marv Merritt, Rocky Schram and Mark Kloostra .
- December 20 Toy Deliveries at 5:30 pm at 280 Grand Avenue East (Old Sunnen//Guspro Building) Chairpersons - Rose Peseski & Tim Haskell.
- December 21 Food packing/delivery at Spirit and Life Centre (St. Joseph Auditorium) packing begins at 8 am and deliveries after 12 noon. Chairperson Bonnie Regnier, Scott Williston and Kevin Shaw

Applicants are asked to call for food or toy baskets themselves. Referrals are not necessary.

Goodfellows investigates applicants to ensure there is a need for assistance. All applicants are cross-referenced with the Salvation Army and other area groups who provide Christmas hampers to ensure there is no duplication.

Applicants are asked to be home, or have someone at their home on the evening of December 20th after 5:30 for toy delivery and on December 21st from noon on to accept the food baskets.

Toys and food can be dropped off at the following depots:

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| • Blackburn Radio | • LCBO - Wellington St. | • Staples |
| • Canadian Tire | • Maple City Residence | • Sun Media |
| • CIBC - All Branches | • Pennington's | • TD Canada Trust Branches in Chatham |
| • Food 4 Less, 470 St. Clair St. | • RCSS (Real Canadian Super Store) | • Tepperman's |
| • Heritage Savings & Credit Union | • Riverview Bingo Palace | • The Chatham Voice |
| • Honda House | • Rona Cashway | • Whittal & Company |
| • LCBO - St. Clair St. | • ScotiaBank Branches in Chatham | • Winners |