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**Chatham Goodfellows – Celebrating 64 years of helping local families in need**



## *‘No Child Without a Christmas’*



# Lifetime Achievement Award



Chatham Goodfellows Directors Tim Mifflin and Rose Peseski present the Chatham Goodfellows Lifetime Achievement Award To Fred Osmon with President Tim Haskell.

In 1954 Chatham Goodfellows embarked on its campaign which had a simple motto, “No Child Without a Christmas”. Through donations and volunteer efforts, the Chatham Goodfellows have helped to brighten Christmas morning for thousands of people 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 64th year of operation, the Chatham Goodfellows budget of well over \$150,000 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.

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 recognizes volunteers with Certificates of Appreciation, volunteer businesses with the President’s Award, and the coveted Mrs. /Mr. Goodfellow Award.

## 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.

In 2016 the Chatham Goodfellows Board of Directors introduced the “Lifetime Achievement Award” to recognize individuals or organizations who;

- Provide no less than 25 years of continuous service
- Extraordinary philanthropy by an individual or organization
- Continues to encourage 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 Community

This is the third year that Chatham Goodfellows Board Nominating Committee was tasked to identify a worthy recipient. Chatham Goodfellows are blessed with dedicated long-term volunteers. We are grateful. After long deliberation, the recipient of this years’ Chatham Goodfellows Lifetime Achievement Award is Fred Osmon.

Fred Osmon has investigated applicants, fundraised, collected, packed and delivered food and toys for those in need in Chatham-Kent. Fred has been active with Chatham Goodfellows for almost 60 years. In 1995 the Board of Chatham Goodfellows presented Fred with the prestigious “Mr. Goodfellow” award. Fred has provided strong leadership to the Chatham Goodfellows, serving as the President from 1992-1994. Fred continues to conduct investigations for Chatham Goodfellows, as well as serving on the Board of Directors.

For health reasons in 2000 Fred had to temporarily ease away from Chatham Goodfellows. While Fred was convalescing he found time to write and sell several cookbooks. All the proceeds were given to local charities, including Chatham Goodfellows, Heart and Stoke Foundation, Canadian Diabetic Association, and the Chatham-Kent Hospice. In addition to writing the cookbooks, Fred has published several books including, History of Chatham Minor Baseball” 1946-2014, “History of Baseball in Chatham-Kent”, “Chatham ‘n Kent Heroes” (100 stories of local unsung heroes).

Fred provides a wonderful example of the community of practice of volunteering. Fred worked with the Boy Scouts of Canada, Chatham Minor Baseball, Local Big Sisters and Big Brothers of Chatham-Kent along with Chatham Goodfellows. Most recently, Fred will tell you about his involvement with “100 Men Who Care Chatham-Kent”.

Please join me in congratulating Fred as the 2018 Chatham Goodfellows Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

## Mr./Mrs. Goodfellow 2018



Chatham Goodfellows Director Rose Peseski, President Tim Haskell and Director Tim Mifflin present Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow Award to Mark Lacina and Ann Preston.

Each year the Chatham Goodfellows Board of Directors Executive Committee is tasked with the difficult decision of choosing the Mrs. /Mr. Goodfellow. It is a decision that is not taken lightly. The Chatham Goodfellows Nominating 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 2018; “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”.

This year’s Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow have been identified as “the behind the scenes” individuals who demonstrate dedication and commitment through their actions. For over four decades they have been devoted to Chatham Goodfellows.

Mr. and Mrs. .Goodfellow are the foundational example of volunteering, fund raising and community involvement with their colleagues. Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow instilled the community of practice of volunteerism with their families, friends and colleagues. Their collective families have been honoured in the past with certificate awards from Chatham Goodfellows.

When Mrs. Goodfellow receives the award, she and her husband will be the 4th wife and husband team in the 64 year history of Chatham Goodfellows to receive the Chatham Goodfellow award and the second family to have three family members to receive the Goodfellow Award. A former colleague of Mrs. Goodfellow said she is known as the “Elf” of the Union Gas Regulatory Department. Mrs. Goodfellow continues to work with all facets of Chatham Goodfellows including raising money through garage sales, raffles and the porchlight campaign, and she recently acquired laptop computers from Union Gas for Chatham Goodfellows.

This year’s Mr. Goodfellow has been involved with Chatham Goodfellows since the early 1980’s. He was one of the first employees to place the food and toy box in the lobby of Union Gas Head Office to collect donations for Chatham Goodfellows. Mr. Goodfellow believed that having his family involved in packing and delivering toys and food was a great way for his family to give back to the community. Even though Mr. Goodfellow has retired and his family have moved on and left home, he remains active. Mr. Goodfellow can be found laying out the packed toy boxes through the toy packing week, and organizing the delivery route. Mr. Goodfellow is responsible for ensuring that each year we have smooth succinct delivery routes.

It is a privilege and honour to introduce Ann Preston and Mark Lacina as Chatham Goodfellows 2018 Mrs. and Mr. Goodfellow.

## President’s Message

I am proud to be the President of Chatham Goodfellows. We are a volunteer organization with a simple motto, “No Child Without a Christmas”.

I have volunteered with Chatham Goodfellows since 1978. Jane and Bud Arnold, who were long-time volunteers with Chatham Goodfellows brought me every year to help with toy packing. I remember Jim Benoit, the Chairperson of toy packing teaching me what it took to be a Goodfellow. In 2005, I was invited to join the Board of Directors of Chatham Goodfellows as the co-chairperson of toy packing, I was honoured.

I have a great appreciation of Chatham Goodfellows. When I was a child my family were recipients of Chatham Goodfellows generosity. My father died just prior to my birth. My mom worked very hard to look after our family, we did not have much money, and times were tough. As a child I can remember Chatham Goodfellows delivering a large box of toys and food to us. One year my brother and I received hockey sticks for road hockey. I still recall the aroma of fresh apples, oranges and minty rock candy when the food box was delivered. We were grateful. We always had plenty of food for the Christmas Holidays. A great deal has changed over the years. My mother joined the Chatham Goodfellows Board of Directors in 2014 and together we give back every year.

I regret that Jane and Bud Arnold, my Grandparents, and Jim Benoit are not here to see me as President of Goodfellows, however I look forward to continuing their community of practice of giving back to the community.

As we begin the 64th year of providing for those in need, and ensuring that there is “No Child Without a Christmas” I do so with a heavy heart. My family is mourning the recent passing of my first grandchild, our daughter’s first child, Kyleigh. Even though we had her for a very short time, we were blessed that God allowed us to have Kyleigh with us. Our family is dedicating our work on this year’s campaign in memory of our sweet Kyleigh.

This Christmas season we ask that you remember Kyleigh, and others who have passed away this year.

I look forward to seeing all of our current and future Goodfellows.

*Tim Haskell,*  
*President Chatham Goodfellows*



Chatham Goodfellows Director Tim Mifflin presents the President Award to Giant Tiger staff Denise Lush, Mark Lush, Jamie Skipper and Mona Gagnier, Director Rose Peseski, and President Tim Haskell in the back row.

In 1995/96, the concept was brought to fruition after Robb Vincent reintroduced the idea and arranged for Agnew Shoe Store to provide one pair of shoes or boots to each child who received a Certificate in their toy box.

In 2017, the Chatham Goodfellows “Boot Program” was resurrected with a soft re-introduction. Almost \$10,000.00 in boots were provided for the children last year. Interestingly, Mark and his staff ensured that despite the cost of the boots, any additional cost was not charged to the recipients. This year, Chatham Goodfellows will be providing not only a boot voucher, but for the first time will also provide a shoe voucher for children in need. Mark and his team are in full support of the new program and they look forward to assisting those in need in our community.

Chatham Goodfellows is honoured to present the Chatham Giant Tiger Store and their staff with this year’s President’s Award.

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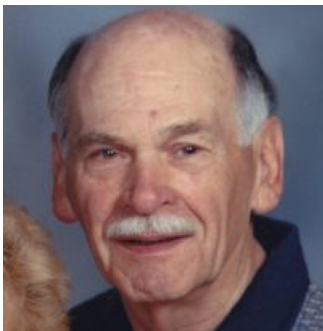
Robert Bellefleur



Joe Brunshot



Robert Gerard Preston



Clayton Charles Mifflin



## Message from Mayor Randy Hope

Thank you for your support and contributions to the Chatham Goodfellows!

As a result of your generosity and the efforts of Chatham Goodfellows collecting donations through the Porchlight Campaign, newspaper sales and toy drives, many families will receive much needed gift baskets with food and toys this holiday season.

A sincere thanks to Chatham Goodfellows for all their hard work as they carry out their motto and mission to ensure “No Child Without A Christmas.” Their dedication over the past 64 seasons is greatly appreciated.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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



Lisa, Claire, Nate and Dan Peseski receives a Certificate Award from Chatham Goodfellows Board Directors, Judy Bagley, Craig Williston and President Tim Haskell for their commitment to Chatham Goodfellows Porchlight Campaign



Diane Watson receives a Certificate Award from President Tim Haskell and Director Rose Peseski for her outstanding work with Toy packing.



Jason and Marilee King receives Certificate Awards along with Awards for Sawyer, MacKenzie and Kennedy King for their dedication to Toy Packing. In the photograph 1 - R - Jason King, President Tim Haskell, Director Rose Peseski and Marilee King.



Joe Nagle accepts a Certificate Award from Marv Merritt. Joe is a long term dedicate volunteer for Street Sales.



Andrea Taylor accepts a Certificate Award from Marv Merritt. Andrea is a long term dedicated volunteer for Street Sales.



Director Tim Mifflin presents a Certificate Award to Melanie Huff - Hub Creative Group for Web Development for Chatham Goodfellows.



Zachary Shaw and Chloe Shaw receive Certificate Awards from Chatham Goodfellows Directors Bonnie Regnier, Scott Williston and Kevin Shaw.

## Key 2018 Campaign Dates

- Goodfellows office at the Spirit and Life Centre Wellington Street West Chatham is open November 5th; Monday - Friday; 9am to 3pm at 354-1146.
- Last day for names, November 30, 2018.
- Porchlight is on Monday, December 3, 2018 at the Spirit and LifeCentre.
- Toy Packing 6pm to 8pm December 10 to December 13, 2018 at 463 St. Clair Street (the former Fabricland building next to Dimitar's). Toy Delivery date is Monday, December 17, after 5:30.
- Street Sales are being conducted on Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15.
- Food packing is at Spirit and Life Centre (St. Joseph Site), packing/delivery on Tuesday December 18 - packing beginning at 8am - deliveries beginning at 11:30 am.

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 17th after 5:30 for toy delivery and on December 18th after 11:30am on to accept the food baskets.

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

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| • Blackburn Radio                                       | • Heritage Credit Union                              | • Real Canadian Super Store  | • The Chatham Voice |
| • Brio Academy  | • Holiday Inn Express                                | • Riverview Bingo  | • The Wish Centre   |
| • Canadian Tire   | • Honda House  | • Rona Cashway   | • Winners           |
| • Post Media – Chatham Daily News and Chatham This Week | • Hub Creative Group                                 | • Scotia Bank (Queen Street, King Street West and Thames Le Plaza) |                     |
| • Chatham Retirement Resort                             | • LCBO (Wellington Street West and St. Clair Street) | • Staples  |                     |
| • CIBC (St. Clair Street Merritt Avenue)                | • Maple City Residence                               | • Tepperman's  |                     |