

# EXTRA 2019 GOODFELLOWS' EDITION EXTRA

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PLEASE, GIVE WHAT YOU CAN TO HELP.

**Chatham Goodfellows – Celebrating 65 years of helping local families in need**



## *‘No Child Without a Christmas’*

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 65th 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.

## President’s Message

2019 marks the 65th Anniversary of the Chatham Goodfellows. We have enjoyed a remarkable journey in our partnership with other local charities, business leaders, service clubs and volunteers. Literally, thousands of children and their families in Chatham Kent have had the opportunity to enjoy a better Christmas over the years because of this joint effort. We feel blessed to share this privilege with our neighbours in this remarkable community in which we live. It has been our pleasure to serve. Tim Haskell  
President Chatham Goodfellows



*Tim Haskell,  
President Chatham Goodfellows*

## Chatham Goodfellows 2019 Certificates of Appreciation

Media - Michelle Owchar (Chatham Voice), Amanda Thibodeau and Chris McLeod (Blackburn Radio).

Knitting - Annette Lozon and Agatha Sanson.

Toys Packing and Delivery - Eva Watson, Annette, Julia & Mark Sherbourne,  
Nicole Maine, Chad and Braden St. Pierre.

Street Sales Campaign - Uly Bondy, John Kehoe.

Porchlight Campaign - Tracey Jones, Sue Janssens.

Food Packing and Delivery - Sara and Frank Letourneau, David Trealtout and Joe Faas.  
Enbridge (Union Gas) - Barb Jacques.

## Mr./Mrs. Goodfellow 2019



Craig Williston, Tim Haskell and  
Tim Mifflin presents  
Tim Haskell’s mother Linda  
with the 2019 Mrs. Goodfellow Award.

This years recipient is always giving from her heart to make sure there is “No Child Without a Christmas”.

Our recipient works quietly behind the scene with toy packing, deliveries, where ever there is a need, including making boxes and packing toys.

This years recipient purchases wool year round for the “knitters” so that Chatham Goodfellows have sufficient mittens, scarves and hats for the children.

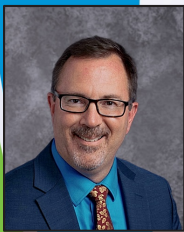
She represents Chatham Goodfellows at special events. During the evening of Chatham Goodfellows porch light campaign she can be found in the kitchen providing food and drinks for the volunteers

Our recipient is a retiree from the Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services. While working at the former Chatham Jail, she made sure that a toy donation box was always at the Jail.

Our recipient lost her husband many years ago, and during the very difficult times, she relied on Chatham Goodfellows to ensure that her young children enjoyed Christmas. She never forgot receiving the assistance, and in appreciation of the assistance, she has continually “paid it forward” by assisting Chatham Goodfellows. More importantly, she taught her children be thankful for what they have and insisted that they also “pay it forward” for those in need.

In 2014 our recipient joined her son on the Board of Director of Chatham Goodfellows, and tonight we honour Linda Haskell as Mrs. Goodfellow 2019.

### Message from Mayor Canniff



Thank you for supporting Chatham Goodfellows 65<sup>th</sup> No Child Without a Christmas campaign. Your generous contribution will help provide families in our community with much needed food baskets and toys this holiday season.

Each year, during the busy holiday season, those less fortunate in our community benefit from the kindness and charitable donations made through the Chatham Goodfellows Porchlight Campaign and newspaper donations. Volunteers spend their personal time assembling packages and making deliveries to those in need throughout the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

Volunteers, such as the Chatham Goodfellows, help make our community an even better place to live, work and play by looking out and caring for one another. Their hard work and dedication, year after year, is greatly appreciated.

I wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

**Darrin Canniff, Mayor**  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

On behalf of Chatham-Kent Council: Mark Authier, Michael Bondy, Anthony Ceccacci, Marjorie Crew, Aaron Hall, Melissa Harrigan, Karen Kirkwood-Whyte, Joe Faas, Amy Finn, Mary Clare Latimer, Jamie McGrail, Brock McGregor, Carmen McGregor, Steve Pinsonneault, Doug Sulman, Trevor Thompson, John Wright.



## Dedicated to Former Goodfellows



**Phil Williston**



**Nancy Elaine Peseski**



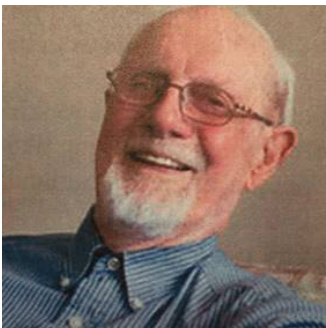
**Dorothy Schram**



**George Garlick**



**Patricia Swain**



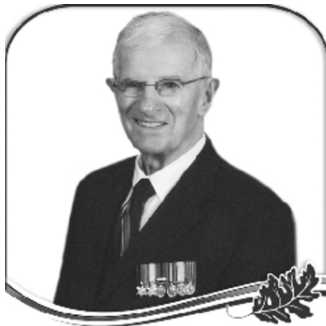
**William Grin**



**Tom Bird**



**Rick White**



**Don Strong**

## President Award



**John and Barb Verkaik receive the 2019 Chatham Goodfellows President's Award from President Tim Haskell.**

This year's recipient has been doing favours for the Chatham Goodfellows for over 40 years. They are always available on a moment's notice to come to our rescue. No jobs too big; no jobs too small. Often one might hear them say "Let us know what you need" and they sincerely mean it. Their example has caught on to their employees and business associates who are also anxious to be involved. A visit to the office could result in a request to make a monetary donation to our annual campaign.

These friends have been invaluable in a countless number of ways. They have helped to set up the food assembly lines and also pack and deliver boxes of food to our clients. Often they can be seen helping out in the kitchen. Then they will provide a truck to pick up the pallets and milk cases that need to be returned.

In the Annual Santa Claus Parade, you will see them collecting food on their float for our needy children and their families. Needless to say, their involvement is so important to our success every year.

In 2011, the Chatham Goodfellows presented Chatham Towing with a Certificate of Appreciation. This year it is only fitting that Chatham Towing receive the special honour of our President's Award.

# Certificate Award Presentations



President Tim Haskell and Director Tim Mifflin presents Amanda Thibodeau, Director of Marketing Blackburn Radio with a 2019 Certificate of Appreciation



Annette Lozon receives a 2019 certificate of appreciation from knitting Directors Linda Haskell and Judy Bagley.



Agatha Sanson receives a 2019 Certificate of Appreciation from Knitting Directors Linda Haskell and Judy Bagley.



President Tim Haskell presents Nicole Maine with a 2019 Certificate of Appreciation while Director Mary Ann Wieringa looks on.



Director Kevin Shaw presents a 2019 certificate of appreciation to David Trealout while Food Directors Bonnie Regnier and Jessica Osbourne look on.



President Tim Haskell and Director Tim Mifflin present Michelle Owchar of the Chatham Voice with a 2019 certificate of appreciation.

## Key 2019 Campaign Dates

- Goodfellows office at the Spirit and Life Centre Wellington Street West Chatham is open November 12, 2019; Monday - Friday; 9am to 3pm at 354-1146.
- Last day for names, December 6, 2019.
- Porchlight is on Monday, December 2, 2019 at the Spirit and LifeCentre.
- Toy Packing 6pm to 8pm December 9 to December 12, 2019 at new location 70 Leeson Drive CHATHAM, behind Honda House. Toy Delivery date is Tuesday, December 17, after 5:30.
- Street Sales are being conducted on Friday, December 13 and Saturday December 14.
- Food packing is at Spirit and Life Centre (St. Joseph Site), packing/delivery on Wednesday 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                                       | • Holiday Inn Express                                | • Riverview Bingo                                    | • The Wish Centre |
| • Brio Academy  | • Honda House  | • Rona Cashway                                       | • Winners         |
| • Canadian Tire   | • Hub Creative Group                                 | • Scotia Bank (King Street West and Thames Le Plaza) |                   |
| • Post Media – Chatham Daily News and Chatham This Week | • LCBO (Wellington Street West and St. Clair Street) | • Staples  |                   |
| • Chatham Retirement Resort                             | • Maple City Residence                               | • Tepperman’s  |                   |
| • Heritage Credit Union                                 | • Real Canadian Super Store                          | • The Chatham Voice                                  |                   |