

## CPCC recognizes volunteers at AGM

By Bill Rea

An agency like Caledon Parent Child Centre (CPCC) depends on the efforts of volunteers, and it was time recently to recognize that. The agency held its volunteer recognition celebration as part of its recent annual general meeting.

There were many words of tribute for the work CPCC does to help families in the community.

Iram Beatson spoke of the help the agency was to her, her husband and their two sons. Shortly after moving to Caledon, she said she heard positive comments about CPCC.

"I truly appreciate all that CPCC has done for me and my children's potential," she commented, adding they have been able to attend special events for occasions like March break and Halloween, and she has seen her sons become more comfortable with other children, as well as adults. "There's no doubt the centre has been a great place for my children to discover their creative side."

Beatson also said it gave her a chance to attend some great parenting workshops, as well as make a lot of friends through them.

"Your guidance and advice has been priceless," she said.

Manager of Community Relations and Volunteers Shelly Sargent said she always looks forward to the chance to express appreciation for the volunteers.

"Our people are the very heart and soul of our organization," she said, as she praised the volunteers who sit on the Board of Directors, as well as those who contribute their time and energies in other ways.

Sargent observed that some volunteers come to CPCC through other agencies, some were there as children and have returned, other are there because of the love being around children and there are students who help out.

"And there are a few who get families in," she said.

The result, Sargent observed, is a diverse and eclectic group of people.

"These are people who are in it to do a job, and they do it really, really well," she remarked.



Current CPCC Board Chair Heather Baker was presented with the Volunteer Spirit Award by Executive Director Teresa Colasanti.