



International Year of Volunteers 2001 – (IYV 2001)

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Contributions

Regional Council proclaimed 2001 as International Year of Volunteers (IYV) in Peel. The goal of this initiative was to convey appreciation to the more than 1,500 volunteers who add value and help to strengthen Regional programs and services offered to residents throughout the Region of Peel.

Peel volunteers are at the heart of what it means to live in a caring and healthy community. Volunteers assist staff in responding to the needs of an increasingly large and diverse population including:

- Assisting health staff in the delivery of Public Health Services and Programs
- Visiting residents of the Region's three long-term care facilities
- Serving on advisory boards to assist in the operation of Transhelp, Housing programs and Peel Living facilities
- Providing amateur radio operator assistance and equipment in emergency situations
- Educating local schools and other agencies about paramedics and the life-saving work they do
- Participating in activities at the Peel Children's Water Festival, Public Works Week and Environment Days.

In September 2001, volunteers were honoured at a special Recognition Event where federal, provincial and local politicians and members of Peel's Senior Management Team thanked and praised volunteers for their dedication and belief in volunteerism. Volunteers received IYV 2001 certificates and commemorative pins and coins.

