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Hastings CAS thanks volunteers...

Bay of Quinte Chorus of Sweet Adeline's International serenaded the Society's volunteers at HCAS Volunteer Appreciation Event, April 19

Last year, volunteers contributed over 8,528 hours to Hastings Children's Aid Society.

"Our volunteers are very special people who give of their time to support our community's most vulnerable children, youth and their families," says HCAS Resource Supervisor, Janet Vintinner. "Through their contributions, they enable us to provide enriched services to ensure children are protected and families are supported."

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, and to acknowledge the important contributions made by Society volunteers in North and South Hastings, Hastings CAS hosted its annual Volunteer Recognition Event Monday, April 19 at the Society's offices in Belleville.

On behalf of the HCAS Board of Directors, Board Chair, Mark Quann, thanked the Society's volunteers, emphasizing the importance of the work they do and the tremendous difference they make in the lives of the children, youth and families involved in child welfare.

In his remarks, HCAS Executive Director, Len Kennedy, noted that the Society's team of dedicated volunteer drivers logged over 375,000 kilometers in the last 12 months transporting children and families to access visits, counseling appointments, parenting classes and school. Kennedy also paid tribute to those who serve on the Society's Board of Directors and various committees, as well as to the many others who give of their time and talents being a special friend to a child or youth in care.

Representatives from the Foster Parent Association and staff of the Supervised Access and Parenting for Success programs also were on hand to applaud the important contributions made by the volunteers of the Society.

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In recognition of its volunteers, Hastings CAS presented a sandbox and therapeutic toys for the enjoyment of children visiting the Society's family access suites in North and South Hastings on behalf of its volunteers, both past and present.

"All in all, it was an amazing celebration and allowed us to show our heart-felt appreciation to our volunteers for sharing their skills, energy and time with children, youth and families in need of our help and support," said Vintineer.

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