

2016 Award of Merit Recipient - NANCY SPIKER

For 24 years as co-owner and president of “A Passion for Fashion’ Nancy Spiker has demonstrated a commitment to the sometimes abstract concept of corporate social responsibility. Year after year Nancy has organized charity events that have raised tens of thousands of dollars for worthy causes in our community. Her annual spring fashion show has become a major fund raiser for a variety of foundations and community groups including: the GBGH, the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation, Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, Regent Public School and the Community Living Huronia Foundation.

For the past six years her efforts have been focused on helping the Community Living Huronia Foundation. Her annual fashion show brings together CLH clients, volunteers and the community at large to raise needed funds as well as community awareness. It is a must attend fashion show, community event and a charity event rolled into one. It’s also a lot of fun.

It is not always the foundations that capture Nancy’s attention. Sometimes it is the other way around. In October Nancy partnered with the Huronia Community Foundation, to raise money for Team Evan. Evan is a young man in Penetanguishene born with autism, cerebral palsy and type 1 diabetes. Evan’s care exceeded the limited supports available in the community and a GoFundMe campaign was started to raise money to buy a Medical Sniffer Dog. Nancy embraced the cause and directed the proceeds of her 25th-anniversary celebration toward the Team Evan fund.

Nancy is not alone in these efforts, no one could do all this without help - but it is Nancy’s drive and passion that has brought together the volunteers, friends and co-workers that have achieved so much good on behalf of their community.

These efforts represent a true sense of community and caring. It is for this that we honour Nancy tonight.