

## **2022 Award of Merit Recipients – Betty and Marshal Laurin**

Our first Award of Merit recipients are Betty and Marshal Laurin.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurin are long-time residents of the Town of Midland. They are truly community-minded people and have dedicated themselves to making Midland a better place to live for children, families, the less-fortunate, and seniors. For over 40 years, they have volunteered their services to multiple service organizations while living in the Heart of Georgian Bay.

They have relentlessly added up countless hours volunteering in health services as drivers, helping with office work for “We are the Villagers,” with fund raising events and Christmas programs for children. They have volunteered for the Civitan Club selling Christmas cakes and assisting with the annual Santa Parade.

Both Betty and Marshal have volunteered for St. Vincent de Paul’s Food Bank by driving to pick up food donations, stocking shelves and assisting with Christmas parties. Marshal has gone so far as to dress up as Santa and being rewarded by the gleaming faces of the children meeting the jolly fellow. Betty has an affectionate personality that wins over the hearts of those she is helping.

They served at the Breakfast Club at Huron Park School and committed their time to the Out of the Cold Program, which is now known as the Guest House. They are no strangers when it comes to volunteering, helping the Hunter and Anglers, Ducks Unlimited Dinner, and Auction events.

One would suspect they would have retired after becoming seniors or that the recent pandemic might have slowed them down; however, they have adjusted their role as a team and started volunteering from home in Betty’s office.

Betty and Marshal Laurin are truly an example of community-minded individuals that are worthy of being recipients of the Town of Midland's Award of Merit for demonstrating their love of their community by helping others through out the decades.

Please join me in welcoming Betty and Marshal Laurin to a distinguished group of caring individuals that give their utmost to their community.

It is indeed a great pleasure to present the Award of Merit to Betty and Marshal Laurin.