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Dear Constituent,

In every community in Simcoe—Grey, we all know generous individuals who enrich the lives of others everyday through selfless volunteer work. If it wasn't for these volunteers, our communities would not be what they are today. Just think of the those who make food for the less fortunate, help our seniors with errands, coach our youth in sports and work with those in need. Our communities would be a lot less vibrant without volunteers.

Therefore, as your Member of Parliament, I am proud to recognize the contributions that so many constituents make through the 2023 Simcoe—Grey MP Community Leaders Award. There are five categories: youth, adult, senior, business and service club or religious organization. These people, business or organization will have gone above and beyond in making a positive difference in the lives of others through volunteering here in Simcoe—Grey. Nominations will be accepted through my offices until March 31<sup>st</sup>. A congratulatory luncheon will be held for recipients this spring or summer. I strongly encourage you to take the time to nominate an individual, business or organization that makes a positive impact in our community.

Nomination forms can be picked up at one of my constituency offices, located at 503 Hume Street in Collingwood, or 452 Victoria Street East in Alliston. They can also be requested via email at [Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca). or by calling 1-866-435-1809.

Sincerely,

*Terry Dowdall*

Terry Dowdall  
Member of Parliament for Simcoe—Grey

### ***Riding Events & News***

MP Dowdall always looks forward to attending the Annual Youth Public Speaking Contest hosted by the Angus Legion Branch 499. Attendees were entertained by great speeches by all the contestants on a vast array of topics. Congratulations and best of luck to all the winners who will be competing in the semi-finals!





Since 1975, Sunnidale Winterama has been the celebration for winter activities in the village of New Lowell. This year it was fantastic that the event was able to return fully to all in-person activities.

Pictured left is MP Dowdall with Mayor Measures and MPP Saunderson at the Opening Ceremony.

MP Dowdall was pleased to be in the riding this year to participate in the Town of Collingwood's Anti-Bullying Flag Raising Ceremony on Pink Shirt Day. Along side Mayor Hamlin and Council there were also representatives from Breaking Down Barriers and Collingwood resident Trevor Henson, who continues to be a strong advocate for anti-bullying in the community.



S.H.I.F.T in Alliston provides the most vulnerable in our community access to support and resources to assist them in finding permanent housing solutions. This is more important than ever while we are in the midst of a housing shortage. This year's Coldest Night of the Year event hosted by S.H.I.F.T was a great success! With 71 teams, totalling 377 participants, 33 volunteers, and many sponsors, S.H.I.F.T raised almost \$160,000. For more information on the good work that S.H.I.F.T does in our community, or to volunteer or donate go to its website: [www.shiffforgood.ca](http://www.shiffforgood.ca).



MP Dowdall with S.H.I.F.T Executive Director Jenifer Pergentile



MP Dowdall with Bonnie Den Haan of Sheldon Creek Dairy and her grandson



MP Dowdall with Mayor Norcross, Robin Norcross and Deputy Mayor MacLellan



MP Dowdall and Team

### ***Riding Celebrations***

80 was the special number in Essa Township for February. MP Dowdall presented Essa resident Ted Corbett (bottom left), and Essa Resident Margaret Wakefield (bottom right) with Celebratory Certificates on their 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



## ***Business Visits***



(Pictured left) MP Dowdall with Essa Small Engine owner Mike Melo.

Essa Small Engine is locally owned and operated. It services and repairs outboard motors, lawn mowers, chain saws, weed trimmers and other small engines.

(Pictured right) MP Dowdall with Savana Toppazzini, owner of Kitch'n Savvy located in Stayner.

During this visit, Savana shared with MP Dowdall the dream she and her mother Emaan had to create and serve an Authentic Middle Eastern/Mediterranean menu.



(Pictured left) MP Dowdall with Trevor Caruana.



Trevor and his wife Robyn are co-owners of Trevor's Roof Repair located in Beeton. They provide full-service roofing from replacement to repairs and maintenance, including eaves and insulation.

MP Dowdall stopped by to wish Trevor and Robyn congratulations on their expansion. They talked of the continuing challenges facing small businesses.

(Pictured right) MP Dowdall presenting a certificate to co-owners Laura Gallagher and Tiffany Gardhouse, at the Grand Opening of Side Door Yoga in Angus.



***New Canadian Citizens***



MP Dowdall with Deepa Bhatia



MP Dowdall with Iris Marisol Escobar



MP Dowdall with Sayam Dhingra



MP Dowdall with Letitia & Paul Pascut



MP Dowdall with Da Seon Kim

***Passport Clinics***



MP Dowdall held his first passport clinic in Angus this past month.

Passport processing times are still slower than normal, so be sure to check yours to make sure it is up to date.

More passport clinics are being scheduled throughout the riding over the next few months, contact MP Dowdall's office at 1-866-435-1809 for more details.

### ***How can we help?***

My offices are open to help the constituents of Simcoe—Grey with any questions about any new announcements on programs, funding, and services. If you have any issues with the CRA, Employment Insurance, Pensions, Passports, Veteran Affairs or Citizenship and Immigration, my staff and I are here to assist you. My offices in Alliston and Collingwood are open Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. We are located at 503 Hume St. Unit 4, Collingwood and 452 Victoria St. East, Alliston. You can call any time at 1-866-435-1809.



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