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SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
**SERVING HER COMMUNITY FOR OVER 30 YEARS,
MOLLY JAKEMAN IS CALEDON'S SENIOR OF THE YEAR**



Mayor Marolyn Morrison (right, front) and Caledon Councillors presented the 2010 Ontario Senior of the Year Award to Molly Jakeman

Molly Jakeman, Caledon's 2010 Senior of the Year, has been a busy volunteer for more than 30 years – and certainly shows no signs of slowing down. Chair of the Town of Caledon Seniors' Advisory Committee, Mrs. Jakeman's volunteer work has made a significant difference in her community. Her contributions have assisted Caledon's young and young-at-heart, and include helping to establish essential community agencies like Caledon Meals on Wheels and the Davis Centre long-term care facility.

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Mrs. Jakeman was an active participant on the committee that was formed to bring the Meals on Wheels program to Caledon. She served on the Meals on Wheels Board of Directors as volunteer director and, even after accepting a paid position as co-ordinator of the agency, she continued to volunteer personal time lobbying provincial and national groups.

As a member and past president of the Davis Centre's Helping Hands Volunteers group, she worked on developing programs, fundraising events and assisting residents of this long-term care facility with day trips and running errands.

Mrs. Jakeman also volunteers at the King Nursing Home in Bolton, serving as president of the Volunteer Auxiliary, co-ordinating activities for residents and running several fundraising events.

For over 10 years, she has been an active member of the Caledon Seniors' Centre, including serving as president of the Board of Directors.

As chair of the Town of Caledon Seniors' Advisory Committee, Mrs. Jakeman leads the committee in following their mandate to provide recommendations and advice to Caledon Council on matters which impact older adults in the community.

Mrs. Jakeman, a busy grandmother of five, began her volunteer work by helping at her church, and with her children's schools and sports activities. Her commitment to community service is impressive.

Each year, municipalities across Ontario are given the opportunity to acknowledge one extraordinary member of their community with the Senior of the Year Award. The Award was established in 1994 and now reaches about 200 Ontario municipalities.

The honour is given to a recipient over the age of 65 who have made their communities better places to live. For more information about this award, visit www.culture.gov.on.ca/seniors

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