



The Heart of  
Hastings Hospice  
Inc.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**Susan Watson**  
**Dedicated Volunteer for**  
**The Heart of Hastings Hospice Inc.**

**Recipient of the 2011 June Callwood  
Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism**

The June Callwood Award is presented to volunteers who have given of themselves--time, skills, unconditional friendship--all of these in willingness and concern. Susan received her award at the annual conference of the Hospice Association of Ontario in Toronto on April 11. Susan has most certainly met the criteria of an outstanding volunteer and has earned the privilege of being in June Callwood's Circle of Outstanding Volunteers. When she lost her husband to cancer in 2002, she came to the realization that hope is a difficult journey in the midst of illness, pain and loss. Somehow she regained that hope and decided to offer her lived experiences, gained knowledge, skills and abilities to those who need an understanding, dependable, caring and compassionate hospice volunteer. Susan finds joy in being kind and is always eager and willing to help.

In 1994, the Hospice Association of Ontario (HAO) established this annual award to honour hospice volunteers. The award was named for June Callwood (1924-2007), volunteer, founder of Casey House Hospice, community activist, author and recipient of the Order of Canada. June was the first recipient of this award in 1995 and since then, there have been more than 400 inductees.

Volunteers are special people...a view strongly held by Ms. Callwood and expressed by her on many occasions, during interviews on TV and radio, through her warm messages of support at HAO's annual conferences and through her writing. Her book, "Twelve Weeks in Spring", captured the spirit of hospice and emphasized the importance of the many and varied contributions of a team of volunteers.