



Robin Priestly of Priestly Demolition recognized for philanthropic spirit

Annual Portraits of Giving recognizes local volunteers

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Robin Priestly, executive vice-president of Priestly Demolition, is among 14 recipients of this year's Portraits of Giving award. Nov. 27, 2018 - Karen Merk photo

Robin Priestly is executive vice-president of Priestly Demolition Inc. and, through the family business, has become active in the community on many levels, providing donations and participating in everything from golf tournaments to hospital galas.

As a girl, Robin helped her father put up donor signs for the local blood drive, accompanied him on regular visits to nursing homes for bingo nights and took part in the annual town parades. Her father was their hockey coach too, and his business sponsored their team.

When Robin grew older she continued in her father's footsteps. In high school she started a club called Inter-Act that partnered students with the Aurora Rotary Club in various volunteering efforts. As a young mother, Robin undertook to coach soccer for seven years with the Aurora Soccer club, and for the past seven summers she has chaired the Tea Lake Regatta for their cottage community.

Robin feels that it is very important for people to get themselves and their families involved in initiatives that interest them and can benefit others. There are many organizations, small and large, needing volunteers to help them carry out their cause. Getting out and spending time with kids, the elderly and animals in need can be extremely rewarding and nurturing to the soul.

Robin has also served on the board of directors for the Ontario Association of Demolition Contractors and the King Chamber of Commerce

Robin doesn't necessarily consider what she does as giving back; it is simply being community-minded.

For nine years, Portraits of Giving has been creating awareness and inspiring communities across York Region about the importance of social responsibility. Since its inception, Portraits of Giving has celebrated 87 honourees in portraits and stories. This year's exhibit, presented by HJ Pfaff Audi and Merk Photography, is travelling across York Region and is at King Township Museum until Dec. 15.