

## Tribute to Gayle Lemm

Gayle Lemm married in 1968 and in 1970 moved to Rosemère with her husband and children. Given that helping others was a value that had been instilled in her from an early age, Gayle started volunteering within her new community almost immediately. In the 1970s, she teamed up with two of her fellow Rosemerites to create a figure skating association. Not long after that, she began helping out on the committee for the Rosemère Scouts.

In addition to serving as a volunteer, she encouraged her son, Steven, her daughter, Shannon, and her husband, Doug, to follow in her footsteps and be part of Rosemère's volunteer fire department. More often than not, when a fire broke out, Gayle could be found serving hot chocolate, coffee and sandwiches to the firefighters. Gayle's youngest son, Corey followed in the family tradition and is currently a Lieutenant with the Boisbriand Fire Department.

Dans les années 1980, Gayle est responsable des services sociaux dans le cadre du Plan de mesures d'urgence de la Ville. Au cours de la même période, elle intervient comme bénévole à la bibliothèque de l'école secondaire de Rosemère (Rosemere High School). Elle s'assure que tous les enfants dans le besoin puissent manger à leur faim, mais aussi que chacun d'eux profite des activités parascolaires.

Among the other charities she has given back to over the years are Meals on Wheels, the Children's Wish Foundation. She also worked evening shifts as a volunteer crisis phone responder for a suicide prevention hotline. And she has been the go-to person for numerous other groups in need of an extra helping hand...

Gayle is obviously someone who cares very deeply for the people around her, but she is also a true animal lover. She even went so far as to adopt an extremely sick puppy suffering from severe neglect and nursed her back to health with a lot of Tender Loving Care.

Son engagement bénévole dépasse largement les limites de notre ville puisqu'elle se porte volontaire pour partir à l'étranger et contribuer à des campagnes de financement. Pendant six ans, Gayle prend des vacances pour se rendre en République dominicaine et aider à soigner, là-bas, plus de 300 personnes par jour !

Gayle, you have dedicated over 42 years of your life to reaching out to others. What's been mentioned here today is only the tip of the iceberg. And you've passed down your extraordinary spirit of community and compassion to your children.

Gayle retired two years ago and began a new adventure as a volunteer at the Rosemere Volunteer Gift Shop. She was recently named store manager.

Thank you, Gayle, for your tireless efforts to make life better for the less fortunate, both here at home and abroad. The Town of Rosemère is hereby proud to recognize you as an Honoured Citizen.

Merci Gayle de votre indéfectible énergie à rendre la vie des plus démunis meilleure tant au sein de la communauté qu'à l'étranger. La Ville est heureuse de vous rendre hommage maintenant comme Citoyenne d'honneur.

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