

***Expression of Condolence for
Sister Anne Schenck by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Mike Layton

Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Sister Anne Schenck on February 17, 2021.

Sister Anne grew up in St. Catharines where she attended St. Joseph's Convent School and obtained her Bachelor of Arts in 1952 at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto.

Sister Anne spent many years in the field of education both as a teacher and a principal. She brought energy and a love for sports to St. Joseph's College School and St. Joseph's Morrow Park in Toronto.

Most notably, Sister Anne founded the Toronto Furniture Bank, which was formally incorporated in 1998 and until her recent illness was a devoted volunteer in Becoming Neighbours where she accompanied immigrants and refugees.

In 2017, Sister Anne was recognized with the Governor General's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers for her work helping transform the lives of many people living below the poverty line. Sister Anne has helped hundreds of families facing financial difficulties to obtain appliances, furniture and other basic necessities.

Whatever Sister Anne did, whether with students, staff in schools, or her work with refugees, she did it with energy, compassion and joy.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Sister Anne Schenck's family.

March 10, 2021