



STEWART DAVIDSON SR.

1924 – 1995

Stewart Davidson Sr. was committed to civic service in his community from the moment of his arrival in Etobicoke in 1956 with his wife, June. He was an active volunteer for both youth sports and public libraries. Davidson also provided support to the Salvation Army and the local police force, where he was widely recognized by many officers throughout the ranks. He was also known for his work on various electoral campaigns. Davidson supported seniors in Etobicoke

through his volunteer work in retirement buildings and as a volunteer driver. His dedication to seniors in need even extended to assisting them with their personal hygiene, cleaning and bathing them when they could not care for themselves.

In 1970, Davidson joined the Optimist Club of Etobicoke, an international volunteer organization committed to improving lives and communities. He devoted twenty-five years of active participation with the club and was involved with projects including drug awareness campaigns, as well as oratorical and essay programs. Davidson also provided leadership for a number of fundraising activities. His small service club raised and distributed over one million dollars in Etobicoke. Some of the funds were dedicated to providing much-needed support and infrastructure in the community including a new baseball diamond in Centennial Park, which became known as Optimist Field.

Davidson was recognized as a humble and unassuming person who often displayed a rare genuine concern for others as well as a willingness to devote his time and energy in assisting them. Etobicoke City Council acknowledged that his contributions to those around him made Etobicoke a better place to live. A year after his death, Davidson was inducted into the Hall of Fame to honour his many acts of quiet personal sacrifices.

Inducted into the Etobicoke Hall of Fame in 1996