

Moore Gets Cancer Care Ontario Award

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Stedman Community Hospice executive director Cheryl Moore richly deserves being honoured with The Human Touch Award for her management of the facility, says the head of St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre.

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Cheryl Moore for being honoured with Cancer Care Ontario's most prestigious accolade," St. Joseph's president, Derrick Bernard, said Friday.

Human Touch Awards recognize health-care professionals and volunteers in the cancer system who demonstrate exceptional and compassionate patient care.

Bernard said Moore's award is significant considering this year marked the highest number of nominations for Cancer Care Ontario.

"I would like to thank Cheryl for her perseverance, dedication and, most of all, for continuing to live the mission and vision of the Sisters of St. Joseph's," he said.

Moore's career spans 35 years in the nursing field, working in L and D Fertility Clinic in Toronto, and as an IV nurse, VON, and at the cancer clinic all in Brantford.

When the Brantford Community Oncology Clinic opened in 1996, Moore became a leader for best practices and evidence-based care in the field.

While working in the clinic, she saw the need for supportive care services and worked with the Brantford General Hospital and family physician leaders to create a pain and symptom management and outreach clinic.

Moore was recruited to develop what would become the Stedman Community Hospice. Many people who knew her had heard her talk about hospice care and how important this vision was in her life - a dream that would become a reality.

She has a quote on her desk from June Callwood, founder of Casey House Hospice: "When you dream, do not be realistic and fit your dream to what exists and is possible. Fit your dream to what should exist and should be possible."

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