



E. BRIAN CLARK, FOR THE GUELPH MERCURY

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Reverend John Borthwick has spearheaded a campaign to bring local faith communities together so they can build a house for a low-income family.

REV. JOHN BORTHWICK

Age: 36
Location: Guelph
Bio: Church outreach; Minister at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, www.standrewsguelph.com

To mark its 180th anniversary, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is raising money from other local faith communities so it can build a house together for a low-income family.

The church aims to raise \$200,000 for land and construction materials and build in 2009 through Habitat for Humanity.

The project, suggested by a church member, will increase understanding between different faith communities, Reverend John Borthwick told the Mercury earlier this year.

The minister has brought people of varying backgrounds together before by organizing guest speakers about Islam, AIDS and the Darfur crisis. He serves on the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County board of directors, visits seniors' residences and participates in dinners at the downtown food bank.

"At a time when the established churches are often marginal to community life, John has succeeded in making his church relevant and responsive to local and global needs," wrote former colleague Lucy Reid in support of his nomination.

Together, they supervised University of Guelph students on a service learning trip to El Salvador.

Borthwick's friendliness and enthusiasm since he became a pastor at the church five years ago have made it "a place to call home" — the theme of the 180th anniversary celebrations — writes church member Anne Holman, who nominated him for 40 Under 40.

PEGGY DICARLO

Age: 39
Location: Guelph
Bio: Special-needs advocate

Peggy DiCarlo, a sign language interpreter not only provides an essential service but also advocates for a special needs community.

She has worked with the Guelph Barrier-Free Committee to overcome obstacles that most people wouldn't think twice about, such as by adding beepers at traffic lights for the blind.

Through the Rotary Club, she has been to northern Ontario and Germany to help deaf children attend international exchanges. She won the Rotary Club's highest award in 2003 for her contributions over the years.

Several of DiCarlo's nieces and nephews have used her as a role model in school assignments and in life, wrote her husband Mark in his nomination of her for 40 Under 40.

She also deeply cares about people who are ill, acting as a caregiver for her father-in-law during the final years of his life and volunteering for Hospice Wellington.

DiCarlo added a second career a couple of years ago when she took up carpentry.

Her love of TV home renovation shows like "Trading Spaces" brought her an interest in the field so she plunged into a course at Conestoga College called Women in Skilled Trades.



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Peggy DiCarlo, volunteer for the disabled and terminally ill. She is also a freelance American Sign Language translator.

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