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CNIB honors volunteer for longtime service

Over the past 30 years Missis- CNIB. Recognizing a good volun- sauga resident Jean Beamish has teer when they see one, the organi- done lots of good work for the zation recently presented Beamish

with a Certificate Of Merit. "We owe a tremendous debt to our volunteer," said Dennis McCormack, district administrator for the CNIB Halton-Peel.

vision problems but most of them have a very positive outlook." The CNIB is not Beamish's only charity.

and other charities. Also recognized by the CNIB was the H.B. Fuller company of Missis- sauga.



"Jean Beamish has done so much. She is a community person, she supports all kinds of charities, but she won't go around saying what she does."

Her neighbors have come to know her because she is often the one knocking on their door collect- ing for the Heart and Stroke Fund

H.B. Fuller donated money to- wards starting the CNIB Newsline telephone service for blind resi- dents of Halton and Peel.

Beamish, 75, is modest about her volunteer contributions. She'd rather not talk about them.

Althjough she has worked in many ways for the CNIB over the years, her longest standing role has been volunteer secretary to the CNIB advisory board.

When she's not working as a secretary McCormack says Beamish can often be found driving for blind and visually impaired Missis- saugans.

"I find the volunteering so re- warding, although it can be frus- trating at times. But your help is really appreciated."

She also visits people who have recently lost their vision to try and help them cope.

"I know how devestating it can be (to lose your sight).

"I have quite a few friends with

Staff photo by Chris Horobin Modest Jean Beamish, 75, was recently honored by the CNIB for her 30 years of outstanding volunteer service. Among the valuable services she provides are driving visually impaired people about town and visi- tations with people who have recently lost their sight.