

# Bicentennial award

## volunteers

### Honors to 13 citizens

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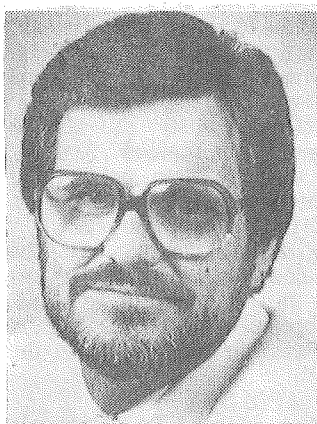
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Thirteen Mississauga citizens will receive prestigious Bicentennial awards for exemplary volunteer work in the community.

The Mississaugans — four women and nine men — are among 1,984 Ontario residents who will receive special gold-plated award medals at ceremonies across the province this fall.

During her trip to Canada this fall, Queen Elizabeth will be presented with a solid gold replica of the volunteers' Bicentennial medal. The official announcement of the award-winners will be made in August.

Nominated by city council to receive the award are: *Rev. Maury Blair, Barbara Hammond, Gary Clipperton, Richard Clewes, Claude Racey, Alberto Cataudella, Elias (Louis) Velianou, A.J. Brands, Jeffery (Ed) Armstrong, Donna Howard, Carole Berry, Harry Hassal Sr., and Lucy Turnbull.*



*Rev. Maury Blair, of Windammer Rd., "has devoted his time and energy to helping youth in our community," says Ward 8 councillor Steve Mahoney who nominated him. "His profession is to direct*

and run the (Toronto) Teen Challenge Centre but his involvement goes beyond his duty."

As the centre's director he deals with hundreds of youth in trouble with the law, involved with alcohol and drug abuse, or with emotional problems.

A former abused child who turned his own life around, Blair provides counsel to teens awaiting trial, and often acts as a probation officer. He gives weekend seminars to young people, giving them support and encouragement to better themselves. He lectures in high schools on how he found healing and self-acceptance, and in community service groups, churches and at summer camps.

Blair also directs a program called Breakthrough Youth Ministries which operates three weekly Kids Clubs for more than 100 children living in Ontario Housing projects. For Breakthrough, he hosts a radio phone-in show for youth which is featured on 47 stations, and appears on the TV show, *100 Huntley Street* (shown on Global) to man *Night Beat*, a phone-in distress line program, from 2 to 5 a.m. once a week. He also organized a 24-hour Help-line, manned by volunteers, for troubled teens to call.