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Margaret Leslie

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The first Mississauga resident ever to be honored for outstanding service to the community was Margaret Leslie.

Leslie, a mother of two daughters and a grandmother to five, was honored on April 29, 1980, for more than 30 years of service with the local chapter of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

The registered nurse organized the first blood donor clinic ever held in Mississauga in 1958. During that same year, Leslie also worked with the Red Cross Welfare Division, which was a part of the organization dedicated to providing the necessities of life for needy families until other arrangements could be made for their support.

This dedicated volunteer was president of the Mississauga Red Cross for two years and supervised all areas of Red Cross work including blood donor clinics, homemakers services, youth services, emergency services, water safety training and more.

As chairman of the Red Cross Emergency Services for 15 years, Leslie has assisted many



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residents after fires and other mishaps such as the Malton gas main explosion, the Malton air crash, the Texaco fire, the immigration of the Indo-Chinese "Boat People" and the Mississauga train derailment.

Four other community-minded citizens were also honored at the first annual Citizen of the Year Banquet that year: Larry Englander, Joan Gore, Malcolm Gray and Willson McTavish.