

Local Legion builds success with community service

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The Royal Canadian Legion Cooksville Branch has fulfilled another example illustrating a strong commitment to our community's well-being.

A major aspect of a successful RCL program is trying to provide some medical equipment pertaining to the needs of veterans and their dependants, plus our Legion members. Wheelchairs, walkers, or crutches, etc. are typical items that the Branch tries to maintain in sufficient inventory to meet this potential need.

It has been agreed to further our overall service mandate with added support where possible, within our community. *Therefore when our equipment inventory status permits, we will also consider extending (upon written request) the application of this "loaner" program to general community members in need.*

Key to this added service is the willingness and quick response time of Member Sheldon MacLean, who has been primarily responsible for this equipment for some time now. A letter was recently received from a senior in the Applewood neighbourhood who was generally aware of RCL support of veterans and its community work too. (This general awareness occurred as a variety of family members had served in Canadian military conflicts including the South African ("Boer") War, WW-1 & WW-II) The letter inquired as to the possible availability of a walker to assist with mobility. Sheldon was able to fill this inquiry within an hour and a result was delivered the following day!

With a combination of an existing heart problem for this senior and a more recent condition of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, mobility had become even more difficult. Now a continually-needed oxygen tank can be transported in the walker's special basket.

The local citizen was very happy for this equipment loan and also with Sheldon's quick response. He even followed-up the next day again with a phone call, to complete the "circle of service" on behalf of Branch #582. *In fact, the family in question were so pleased and insistent that a donation thank you cheque be accepted for the #582 Building Fund.*

Please remember, if you have a family member, friend, or neighbour, in need of this type of equipment, check into our current inventory status by leaving a message for Sheldon MacLean with our Clubroom Steward at 905-277-2902.