

Spotlight on Volunteers

Tiina MacLeod

At the end of May 2019 Compassion Society bade farewell to a dear friend and valued volunteer, Tiina MacLeod, who after seven years of service with the Society is moving to Wasaga Beach,



Ontario. Back in 2012 Tiina took an early retirement when the company she worked for, Torham Packaging in Stoney Creek, was purchased by an American buyer and the site where she worked was closed. She soon decided to do volunteer work in Burlington and selected Compassion Society.

Tiina was born in Hamilton and grew up in Ancaster, but she has lived nearly all her adult life in Burlington. After she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in math at McMaster University, she studied accounting and was certified as a Management Accountant. In retirement she has put some of these professional skills to good use at Compassion Society, where for the last few years she has done administrative work, updating and maintaining the donation base, and also registering clients when they come in for food and clothing. She has done this two out of three of the days the Society is open each week.

In addition to her volunteer work, Tiina enjoys a number of hobbies, including a variety of arts and crafts, refinishing furniture, and gardening. She is also an avid traveler and has been to Hawaii, various Caribbean islands, Costa Rica, Panama, Newfoundland, Ireland, and Scotland. In the last country, she and her son, Mychael, visited the castle of the MacLeod clan, his ancestors on his father's side. She is currently making plans to go to Estonia this summer, where both of her parents lived before coming to Canada after World War II. Her mother was an artist, and Tiina hopes to see some of the scenes that her mother painted while living there.

When asked what she likes about working at Compassion Society, she quickly responded that those she has worked with are a "great group of people" who have a variety of talents and are "here for the right reason." The majority of these people were present the morning of May 15th for a farewell party. While she will not be volunteering here any longer and will be missed, Wasaga Beach is not far from Burlington, and we anticipate visits from her in the future.