

## Spotlight on Volunteers

### Evelyn Howard

**Monday, Wednesday, or Friday – no matter which day one visits Compassion Society when it first opens, Evelyn Howard will be working at the food section, ready to serve clients. By the noon-time opening, she has already been there three hours, preparing for the day.**

**Evelyn is a newer volunteer who first learned about Compassion Society when she brought donations. She soon found the place very welcoming, and about a year and a half ago she began volunteering. Before retirement, she had worked as a hair dresser. A welcoming attitude was essential to success in her work, and she has continued this as a volunteer, where she focuses on each client in a very personal way. She likes working with the other volunteers, whom she describes as “a group of nice people,” all there for the same reason.**

**Evelyn has lived in Aldershot most of her life. She was born in Italy, approximately 40 miles south of Rome, but came to Canada when she was about two and a half years old. Her father immigrated a few months before she was born, and the rest of the family had to wait for three years until he obtained his citizenship and could bring them here. After 10 years in Hamilton they moved to Aldershot, where Evelyn attended Holy Rosary school and Aldershot High.**

**When she was fifteen, Evelyn was able to go back to Italy for about three months. All her grandparents were still alive then, and she was able to get to know them and other relatives. After returning to Canada, she married John Howard while she was still in her teens, and next year they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They have always lived in Aldershot – the last 39 years in their present home on Downland Crescent, near Aldershot Park. They have two sons, who live with them. Evelyn also has two sisters and a brother, all of whom live within five minutes walking distance.**

**Evelyn’s hobbies include gardening, sewing (she used to make her own clothes), and reading (before her active volunteer work she read a book a day). Her husband enjoys woodworking, and she likes helping him with his projects.**

