

Memories from Betty Verner

Over the years we have worked with many wonderful women to raise money for special projects. We sold Loblaw Grocery draw tickets and donated this money to Crossroads. When the house for Cameron House was purchased, it was in much need of updating. Our Soroptimists decorated one of the bedrooms. On our 'Saturday of Service' we would prepare lunch for the residents and have lunch with them.

Each year our *Golf for Health* on a Saturday drew Soroptimists from other clubs. The money raised over a number of years went to cover the cost of a room at Peterborough Hospital. Our Soroptimist name is on the wall.

We donated money for the YWCA when the new home was built for abused women.

Member Gail Cowling, left money to the club. Some of this was given for the building of Hospice Peterborough and our name is on a plaque in the lobby of the home.

Each year we give awards to women attending Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College. We have a new award for a girl graduating from High School

Cameron House - Joyce Fee's comments from our cheque presentation event in October 2021.

I am delighted to present to Cameron House as our club has been involved with Cameron House for over 25 years.

This long-time partnership goes back to the beginning when several agencies worked to get the house ready for living. Our Soroptimist members were given one of the bedrooms to upgrade. This meant cleaning and painting and decorating and then outfitting the room with furniture, lamps, linens and curtains. For a number of years we continued to update the furnishings in this room.

On one of our visits our member, Bev MacDougall, noticed that the living room floor was in bad shape. She approached the club and it was decided to provide new flooring. So, in 2014 the floor was installed, and there was enough money left to refloor the upstairs bathroom.

For many years on our Saturday of Service, members prepared a special luncheon for the women living there.

And of course, we continue to support through the donation of clothing.