

## **A well-deserved recognition**

*Federal government employee is a tireless community volunteer*

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**Sept. 7, 2006 – Montréal, QC** – The closing ceremony of the 2005 Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC) was held at the Fusiliers du St-Laurent Regiment on December 15, 2005. The campaign's organizing committee took the opportunity to mark Éthel Charron's 30 years of involvement. Campaign co-chairs Colonel Gerry Champagne and Jérôme Turcq presented Ms. Charron with a plaque recognizing her contribution over the years.



*Colonel Gerry Champagne, left, Ms. Éthel Charron and Mr. Jérôme Turcq, PSAC Regional Executive Vice-President for Quebec*

Ms. Charron has been with the Canada Revenue Agency for 35 years and intends to stay on for many more to come! At eighty-five years young, she is, without a doubt, the most energetic – and probably the oldest – person at the agency!

In addition to attending to her work, Ms. Charron is always available to organize activities, be it for the GCWCC or a recognition event. She demonstrates great generosity, enthusiasm and *joie de vivre*, and never fails to use her great powers of persuasion for a worthy cause — no one can say “no” to her!

Ms Charron has been actively involved in the GCWCC since she started her career at the agency. In addition to being a member of the canvassing team and helping to organize various activities, she raises funds in her spare time through fortune telling —needless to say, she is in great demand!

Ms. Charron is one example of Government of Canada employees making a difference in their communities. Along with their regular volunteering, thousands of public servants participate in the GCWCC, the largest workplace charitable project in Canada. In 2005, federal public servants contributed more than \$29.5 million to GCWCC in 113 communities nation-wide. GCWCC 2006 kicks off on September 7 and will run until November 22.

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