

# Peterborough Law Association Bill Carruthers Fund

William (Bill) Carruthers spent most of his life in Peterborough and was a well-known lawyer from the 1960's, up until his passing in 2006, two and a half weeks after the death of his wife, Jean. Well respected as a person and as a lawyer among other members of the bar, Bill is remembered for his puckish sense of humour, unwavering kindness, and commitment to social justice.

Bill began his career as a sanitary inspector in Kingston, but by his late 20s, he decided to enter law school. During this time, Jean worked as a social worker in Kingston, supporting Bill through school. Once he was called to the bar, he joined the firm of Grant and Collins. Bill Grant, Ted Collins and Bill Carruthers a similar connection to social justice and were a great partnership for a number of years. When Bill Grant retired, Bill Carruthers replaced him as the Ontario Legal Aid Area Director, a responsibility that he carried for 23 years.

Each year as Christmas approached, Bill visited the various law offices in the City of Peterborough to solicit funds, which would be donated to a different charity each year. Following Bill's death, Marie Moser continued the Holiday collections. Now the Peterborough Law Association Bill Carruthers Fund continues the tradition of giving by the legal community in support of community needs.

Today, the "Peterborough Law Association Bill Carruthers Fund" is a donor advised fund managed on behalf of the Peterborough Law Association by the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough. Comprising donations received from Peterborough Law Association members and others, it is a positive expression of the Association's concern for community wellbeing. Grants made by the fund will address community needs, including poverty, homelessness, mental health, and hunger, needs which Bill Carruthers, for so many years, identified and supported.



A public foundation and registered charity, Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough inspires giving to build a vital community for everyone. We bring donors to the table as community builders, working closely with them to align their philanthropic vision with the community's needs. We pool the charitable gifts of donors to create endowment funds and use the investment income to make grants to charities in the City and County of Peterborough. This long-term approach gives the Foundation the staying power to address complex challenges and opportunities in our community.

*Inspiring giving to build a vital community for everyone.*



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