

## ***Cabbagetown Preservation Association Recognition Award***

***The 2020 Cabbagetown Preservation Association Recognition Award is awarded to Marilyn Marshall.***

Marilyn, a native of British Columbia, arrived in Toronto in 1971 where she met her husband Blair Tully, also a transplanted BC'er. They bought their first house at 282 Carlton Street in 1975, and moved next door to her current home at 286 Carlton in 1985. In those days, homeowners often did their own renovations so they would meet neighbours and friends over dumpsters and at big neighbourhood events like the Cabbagetown Spring Fling.

In 1980, Marilyn along with two partners, opened "more than CABBAGES" a gourmet convenience store at Carlton and Sackville. They bought The Ice-cream Store and Friendly Corner at Sumach and Winchester over the next few years. They sold the last store, more than CABBAGES, in 1986. During that time Marilyn and Blair raised their two sons, Marshall and Keegan who attended Winchester Public School. As a busy Cabbagetowner, Marilyn found time to volunteer for the Cabbagetown Tour of Homes, Cabbagetown BIA committees, Sprucecourt Nursery School and Winchester Public School Parent Council. She billeted and did fundraising for the Sprucecourt School French Language Exchange, the Cabbagetown Youth Centre Fashion Show and dances, and served on the Board of Directors of Friends of Riverdale Farm, and Save the Riverdale Farm Committee.

Marilyn retired in 2004 after a long professional career with CPAir, Canadian Airlines and Air Canada.

In 1999 after Blair's death, Marilyn joined the Cabbagetown Youth Centre Board and became involved with the Mini Marathon, which was renamed in honour of Blair. Blair had risen through the ranks of the Ontario Government during his career and at the time of his passing was a highly esteemed Deputy Minister, who is remembered within government to this day. Since 1999, *Blair's Run* has raised more than \$500,000 in support of the Cabbagetown Youth Centre.

On behalf of the *Cabbagetown Preservation Association*, we acknowledge and thank Marilyn for her many lasting contributions to the Cabbagetown community.

Gale Moore, *Chair*

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