

Crowds come out to support Caledon Community Services Gala



The Motown Boys from Toronto provided the Motown music. They were Keni Hite, Anthony Brown, Billy Davis and Jivaro Smith.

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Support for Caledon Community Services (CCS) was just motoring along recently.

CCS held its 12th annual Gala at Glen Eagle Golf and Country Club, and the whole event was based on a Motown theme, right down to the entertainment.

Broadcaster Taylor Parnaby was emcee for the evening, and he was impressed with the extent to which the community comes out to support those in need.

CCS Board Member Carine Strong thanked the

sponsors, while maintaining the theme of the event.

"You are making it possible for us to groove the night away," she remarked.

She also had praise for the Gala's organizing committee for transforming the hall into a Motown scene.

Strong cited statistics that state 96 per cent of the population donate time and money because they believe in the causes they're supporting, and she said that's why a "top-notch agency" like CCS is able to gather the community support that it does.

Strong said she started volunteering for the agency the year her mother-in-law died. She recalled her mother-in-law was unable to drive, but the bus service offered by CCS enabled her to get around. She eventually became friends with other users of the service, as well

as the driver. Strong added that prompted her to learn more about CCS programs, such as supportive housing. There are six buildings providing this housing, and Strong was impressed with how each resident has his or her own apartment and space, and there are few demands placed on them.

"If they don't want to get up, they can sleep until noon," she said. "It's their own choice."

Strong also pointed out how CCS helps support people with helping them with basic needs. There are services in place to help people help themselves, offering tools and resources to do just that.

"I am so very proud to be associated with this organization which really encourages people to help themselves," she declared.

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CCS Board member Carine Strong expressed her appreciation for the work of a "top-notch agency" like CCS.



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CCS Executive Director Monty Laskin was checking out some of the items available in the silent auction at the Gala.