

2008 Peace Medallion Awarded to Mr. David Cain

This year's recipient is a long time Peterborough resident, a YMCA member and local businessman, but it is his dedicated volunteer work with Friends of Honduran Children for the past four years, which inspired Dr. McCallum to nominate him and our committee to choose him to be the recipient of the 2008 Peace Medallion.

One of the main focuses for our recipient has been Child Sponsorship; a crucial program that he founded and developed for Friends of Honduran Children. This program supports the children of Honduras; children, who would otherwise be abandoned, orphaned, live in a dangerous home situation or would even be living on the streets where gang violence is the rule. These children are given the basics of good food, health care, education, but even more, a loving, stable home and family environment.

The children are given a new future and the chance to become future leaders of the community and responsible citizens. Since its inception, the Child Sponsorship program has grown to 400 sponsors and has been such an achievement that it has been reproduced by charities in the US, thus rescuing even more children.

This year's winner shares his passion and dedication to his work by often travelling, on his own dime, to Honduras to ensure the success of the program, bringing along his family to encourage and further instil his values and beliefs to the next generation.

A peace maker must be able to motivate the local community to take action, be a role model, understand diversity, and show the possibility of peaceful solutions to 'violent' situations. Our recipient has done all this and more, through, not just his program, but the many other contributions to Friends of Honduran Children, at the family, local and global level.

Congratulations to David Cain – Peterborough's 2008 YMCA Peace Medallion winner.