

## Windsor-Essex 2021 Area 3

### Marianne Angus



Sometimes people show up along one's path at the most unexpected and needed of times. Possibility opens up, when help to stand, arrives.

Our Cora Bailey Award winner is someone who makes things possible for others. You may see her going to assist someone. Throughout her elementary school career, she worked with special needs students. Patience and compassion were hallmarks of her daily practice. At one point she travelled to communities in El Salvador to bring them supplies. Now, in retirement, the list of her community service fills pages.

Her membership and support of RWTO/OERO initiatives has been constant over many years of retirement. She does these things not for recognition or acknowledgement but because her kind heart calls her to do them. The Dalai Lama said: "Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." She sees those possibilities for others and is that kind, connecting agent.

She is an ambassador of RWTO and embodies our motto of caring and sharing and peace. One feels at peace and that all will be well because of her presence. She volunteers at the hospital visiting the sick, works with Hospice giving respite, helps hold vigils and shows up for families

when a shoulder is needed. She visits the jail. Meeting with other women, she works on peace, justice and a variety of women's issues. The plight of refugees, immigrants and those in need, are occasions where she demonstrates the power and possibility of kindness.

Although she sits on Boards, she also works on the frontlines of these organizations where the ideas for these programs are often conceived and definitely put into practice. Currently, her volunteer work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society has her gathering and distributing food and necessities to those in need across our community. Some of the funds and supplies collected at our luncheons have benefitted individuals and charities she works with.

Her contributions to these charities and understanding of where community needs exist are invaluable. She is a transporter of goods and people and connects others to help realize important social goals consistent with the core values of RWTO/OERO.

For her quiet, unassuming, shining example of what it means to care and share with others, the

Cora Bailey Award is presented to: *Marianne Angus*.