



February Newsletter

The Power of Giving Back:

What Inspired Me to Volunteer

Telling stories weaves a narrative of passion, purpose, and commitment. We were inspired by two of our volunteers and they have allowed us to spotlight their stories on why they became CCAT volunteers.

Bianca's story:

"My husband Gene and I made the decision to retire to Collingwood in February 2020. Having been involved in volunteer work throughout my life, I wasted no time in seeking out opportunities to contribute to our new community.

Shortly after our move, I discovered an information evening hosted by CCAT, which piqued our interest...While working on a proposal for outdoor composters in our condo, I reached out to CCAT for assistance. This is when I had the pleasure of meeting Mary Jo. Grateful for her support with my proposal, when Mary Jo extended an invitation to join her working group I said yes; and that marked the beginning of my journey as a CCAT volunteer..."

[Read Bianca's full story here.](#)

Mary Jo's story:

"My introduction to CCAT came in late 2019 when I reluctantly attended a presentation on energy...I was pleasantly surprised to find the presentation captivating. I stayed until the end and eagerly added my name to the email list.

In February 2020, just before the world shut down, CCAT organized an evening to showcase their various working groups. I randomly chose a table, which happened to be the Consumption & Waste Management display – a team without a lead at the time. While they mentioned the need for someone to take charge, I hesitated, feeling uncertain about my knowledge in the field..."

[Read Mary Jo's full story here.](#)

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Events Calendar

[Check it out](#)

Thursday March 7th

Climate Café

When was the last time someone asked you how you felt about the climate crisis? These cafes are a safe, facilitated space where you can share any thoughts or feelings you may have.

[Save Your Spot](#)



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who took up our call-to-action last month and wrote letters to Minister Smith and MPP Saunderson! However, the responses from MPP Saunderson have been generic, restating their position without addressing citizens' concerns. The Wasaga Beach Climate Action Team also joined our efforts, but their letters received a similar disappointing response.

Collective voices can make an impact (and it's not too late to send a letter). Although changing their minds may be challenging, *registering our concerns has an impact!*

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