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Susan Eagle gets top Rotary honor

The minister's community work was cited.

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The voice of Susan Eagle has won the community outreach worker the West London Rotary Club's top award.

Eagle has won the Paul Harris Fellow Award, named after the Chicago founder of Rotary International, for her contribution to the community, particularly her work with the Cheyenne Avenue tenants, said Bud Keens, director of the club.

"She has been a voice for the people who really cannot speak for themselves — the poor, the destitute, the relatively new Canadian," said Keens. "She has identified injustice and unnecessary suffering of these people."

With Eagle's help, the Cheyenne Avenue tenants have, for years, been battling their landlord over poor living conditions and unpaid utility bills.

PUBLIC RECORD: "In her outreach ministry, Susan has made the shame of the Cheyenne apartments a matter of public record and a cause that is known across this province," the Rotary Club said in an announcement Thursday.

"I'm really pleased they have acknowledged work in the community as a significant kind of vocation and appreciate the support they are giving to all of us in trying to solve the housing problems of Cheyenne," said Eagle.

SUSAN EAGLE



☐ Minister at Kilworth and Delaware United churches and community outreach worker with the East London United Church Outreach Cluster.

☐ United Church representative on the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition, a provincial group.

☐ Chairperson, Co-ordinating Committee of Ontario Conferences of the United Church, a provincial group dealing with social justice issues.

☐ Received her master of divinity from Emmanuel College in Toronto in 1977 and was ordained the same year.

☐ Served in Cape Breton from 1977 to 1979.

☐ Returned to Ontario and served as minister at Straffordville, Vienna and Port Burwell United churches from 1979 to 1984.

☐ Was raised in Clinton, Sarnia and Toronto.