

'We make a living by what we get; We Make a Life by **What We Give**'

Sir Winston Churchill had it right.

Indeed, we all know this deep inside. We know there is something right and very promising about the beaming toddler who wants to give away his toys. We appreciate the young adult who chooses kindness and courtesy over cool. And the beloved elder is the one who offers a listening ear rather than the woes, however real, of growing old.

There is a great deal of this instinctive generosity at DFAIT. At Headquarters and our regional offices, at our missions around the world, in jobs large and small, we often see people who express their deepest selves in their work. Their hearts are in it. They view work not as a grind, but as an opportunity.

In this issue of *Our World*, we recognize some of these people and tell their stories.

There's Brad Morrison, for example, who provided exemplary consular services to Canadians in still-trembling Japanese cities devastated by the March tsunami. And there's Rana Picone, who, in the midst of our noisy and stressful military base in Kandahar, delivered both exceptional administrative functions and morale-boosting compassion and support to the Canadians stationed there.

We also honour some dedicated professionals who are doing quieter but equally commendable work—like human rights officers Michael McCulloch and Manon Boisclair, who champion resolutions on the elimination of violence against women at the UN Human Rights Council, and science and technology officer Frédéric Papillon, who went beyond the call of duty to help a commissioner publish the fruits of a lifetime of contemplation.

At our embassy in China, we see how officers are making thousands of friends through Weibo, China's wildly successful social media equivalent to Twitter; and in the green building sector, we take an inside look at how some of our embedded trade commissioners are showcasing Canadian expertise.

These people, and many more like them within our department, do what they're doing for its own sake—but there's no question that a little recognition helps. We hope this issue of *Our World* delivers some of that recognition and perhaps inspires readers to deliver more.

We all do well to look around and see who is going that extra mile. It's a fine thing to notice—and a finer thing to praise. But that's because we know Churchill was right. We have to work, but we want to live. We can have both, in the same sphere, when we give our best.

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For six years running, DFAIT has risen to the challenge and, through featured events such as DFAIT Moves, the Protocol Bake Sale and other branch activities, contributed well over a million dollars to the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign.

Our theme this year, Diversity in People, Diversity in Giving, set the stage for another memorable campaign by encouraging employees to donate in diverse ways to diverse charities. Inspired to reach our goal by the Man in Motion himself, Rick Hansen, we were awarded the Chair's Cup, a coveted prize presented to the department or agency that exemplifies campaign excellence. Big congratulations to us all!