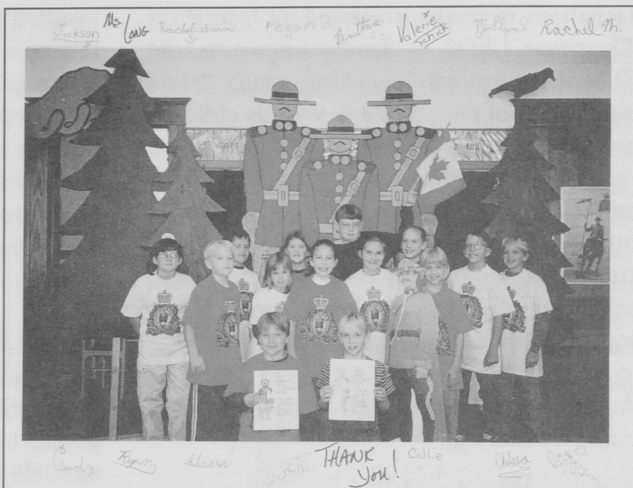


MOUNTIE FANS IN NEBRASKA

Dawson City was the theme for a group of Grade 3 Nebraska students, for which they constructed elaborate storefront backdrops including cardboard cutouts of RCMP members. The event came to the attention of Dawson City Detachment members when it was covered in a Yukon newspaper. In response, they sent down a package of RCMP T-shirts, colouring books, stickers, etc. As can be seen by the smiles, they were much appreciated by the students. For the two with no T-shirts, don't feel bad — more shirts are in the mail.

By Cpl. T.D. Bain



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COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM CAR- ING EX-MOUNTIE

Garth Hampson was best known during his 35-year RCMP career as a singer with the RCMP Band, making a positive difference in people's lives through music as he toured all over Canada. Since retiring in 1989, ex-S/Sgt. Hampson has continued to take an active role in the community, volunteering for several causes, and bringing genuine consideration to everyone he meets.

Many organizations in Ottawa have benefited from Garth Hampson's active participation in fundraising events over the last 10 years. The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) has made him an honorary member of its Board of Directors as a result of his efforts for them. Aside from visiting daily to lend a hand, Hampson has organized and taken part in fundraising events for Christ Church Cathedral. He has also been known to sing at various charity functions.

Garth Hampson volunteers for various organizations to help promote their worthy programs. He visits schools in the area representing Crime Stoppers, and is also on their Board of Directors. He assists in promoting youth citizenship through fundraising for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Program, and has

also been helping out with the formation of the RCMP Community Pipe and Drum Band. And during the Ice Storm that hit the Ottawa area in 1998, Garth Hampson saw an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of storm victims by helping to provide hot meals at emergency centres.

Garth Hampson has become well-known for his tireless efforts to help people and worthy causes. The Ottawa area is fortunate to call him a member of its community.

From an article in the "Ottawa Sun"

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP An interdenominational group of RCMP employees that meets weekly in the Léomont Building lent a hand this past Christmas both locally and internationally to two organizations that cater to the less fortunate.

In various RCMP buildings around the National Capital Region, drop-off points were set up on behalf of the Ottawa Intercity Ministries, who provide much-needed assistance to the homeless in Ottawa. Employees were encouraged to donate items such as personal hygiene products, sleeping bags, first aid supplies, canned soup, juice packs, etc., which would go directly to street people in the area.