



# CUPE Local 3260

## *Special Edition*



Congratulations to Carolyn Vandaele, the second recipient of CUPE Local 3260 Making A Difference Award! Joining in the celebration are back row from left ~ Executive liaison, Karla Carnegie MacDonald, nominators Jackie Walker, Philippa Bradley and Janice MacIntyre, and committee member Brenda Doucette. Front row centre **Award Winner President Carolyn Vandaele** and committee member Marion Hendrickson. Regrets were sent by committee member Chantel Chanell Walsh who was unable to attend.



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2020 marks the second year for CUPE Local 3260 Making A Difference Award. A decision was made to honor and award one of its members at the Annual General Meeting held on May 3rd, 2019. Nominations were submitted by fellow members to the Committee, guidelines were followed, all in an attempt to identify the member who best deserved this recognition, and a clear choice was made.

In a typical year this presentation would have taken place at the Annual General Meeting with the entire membership as audience. We are all well aware this year has not been typical, however, we still wished our recipient to feel special and valued. So, preparations were made behind the scenes and on Monday evening, September 21st, an intimate crowd made its way to the home of our very surprised nominee.

The recipient of the 2020 Making a Difference Award is President Carolyn Vandaele! Carolyn is an Educational Assistant at Montague Intermediate School and was nominated by a host of individuals who repeatedly shared how she goes above and beyond for the students she works with and with staff at MIS.

In her nomination letters, Carolyn is described as, “driven by works of the heart, sees the need to celebrate students beyond the curriculum.” Carolyn has “a passion for seeing the value of meaningful inclusion for students on every level and advocates for this right for all.” “Carolyn’s passion is not only shared with her students, she is a passionate leader among her colleagues and brings a sense of joy to the workplace through her creative ways of celebration.” Similar sentiments were echoed in each nomination letter.



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On behalf of the Executive and all members of CUPE Local 3260, thank you Carolyn Vandaele for all you do! CONGRATULATIONS on receiving this award!

The Making A Difference Committee would like to thank the members who nominated their coworkers. The committee received nominations for seven Local 3260 members! A special shout out to Carolyn's nominating team for their amazing nomination letters. We were very touched by each nomination received and look forward to next year's submissions! The remaining nominees will have their nomination letters delivered by a committee member over the next couple of weeks. So, they too can read the amazing words that were written describing their invaluable contributions to the students they work with.

With our best wishes,

Making A Difference Committee ~ Local 3260 Executive Liaison Karla Carnegie MacDonald,  
Members Brenda Doucette, Chantal Chanell Walsh, and Marion Hendrickson.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Hendrickson  
Recording Secretary  
CUPE Local 3260