

Christine Fairbairn, Ontario

I think that Christine Fairbairn is a superhero in our community and internationally. Christine has worn many capes over the years as a RDH. She started working in private practice where she saw a need in so many that could not afford regular dental care and knew she had to help.

I met Christine when she moved back home to Chatham-Kent after working in Alberta for a nonprofit bus that offered dental services to those in need. Christine opened her own office called Bright Smiles Community Clinic. By putting community in her business name, you know right away her focus to help her community. Christine runs a successful business but she is so much more than that.

Alone she started a local program called Give Where You Live and offers free preventative services. Her first free clinic she and one other volunteer saw women form the women's shelter. She continues to offer free clinics every other month and has increased the number of volunteers she has. At the clinics now, she is able to see 16 patients who cannot afford dental care.

Christine spends hours on the phone helping clients find dental homes for restorative work and advocating for adult dental programs.

Christine is key to the Erie St. Clair Oral Health Advocacy group. She meets with local MPPs, writes letters to government, and looks for local ways she can help.

Christine has travelled on mission trips to help educate on tooth brushing and provide services.

I know Christine deserves this superhero award for all the hard work and extra time she gives to her patients and her community.









