

COA Congratulates Jacqueline Neatby November 2006



The Council on Aging of Ottawa proudly congratulates fellow member Madame **Jacqueline Neatby**, on receiving the highest award that the Ontario government has to recognize outstanding Ontario seniors for their contributions to the community. The **Ontario Senior Achievement Award** was presented to Jacqueline by the Honourable James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, at a Queen's Park ceremony on Tuesday, November 21st in the Lieutenant Governor's Suite. Awards were granted to twenty-one outstanding older Ontarians and Jim Bradley, the Minister Responsible for Seniors read the following citation when presenting to Jacqueline Neatby.

"As someone who once worked directly for Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, Mme Neatby has played a role in the development of the Ottawa community.

She has advocated for, and promoted the rights of francophone Ontarians in a framework of inclusiveness.

She is an outstanding visionary who has garnered much respect.

For more than 30 years Jacqueline has been actively involved with the Canadian Health Association, the Ottawa Social Planning Council, the Ottawa Community Access Center and The Council on Aging of Ottawa.

As a result of Jacqueline's tireless work, seniors who receive home care have access to a worker who speaks French. Those in need of mental health services have access to workers who understand their culture. Whatever the need, agencies reach out to Francophones in their mother tongue.

Mme Neatby is also a recipient of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal among many other awards and recognitions."

"With more people living longer and healthier lives, our society is being challenged to re-examine the role of seniors," said Mr. Bartleman. These award recipients are trailblazers, opening new frontiers and redefining what it means to be a senior, able and willing to contribute fully to society." The award recognizes seniors over the age of 65 who have made significant contributions to their communities through voluntary or professional activities in any field or endeavour.