

In Memorium

Mrs. Margaret Kitson leaves a great legacy for BACI. She leaves her daughter, Marlene, as well as a wealth of memories stretching back to the days when families first formed the Association.

Over thirty-five years ago, these families – many of whose children had gone to Donald Patterson School – decided they would build a residential hostel on the property right next door. Named New Dawn, it was to be a place where children and young adults with special needs could come and be part of a group supported by staff teams of four. They would enjoy many group activities and participate in the forming of many great relationships, some of them life-long.

Margaret was one of these founding mothers of the Mothers' Group who worked with an abundance of spirit to ensure that New Dawn always had the "little extras" that made every room feel like home. Margaret also put her secretarial skills to use in typing up the handwritten log notes made by staff.

When Margaret passed away on November 24, 2011, she had seen her 91st birthday. Her long and productive life was centered around her love for daughter Marlene, and their mutual relationships with BACI under its various guises and names. It is fitting that in her final transition, Margaret was at peace due to this life-long trust.

Respectfully submitted,

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