Agriculture awareness group wins Champion Award

Bite of Brant receives Farm & Food Care Ontario honour



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ilton - A southern Ontario agricultural awareness organization is the winner of this year's Farm & Food Care Champion Award.

The Brant County Agricultural Awareness Committee was honoured for its annual Bite of Brant program, thanks Federation of Agriculture.

For 24 years, the volunteerbased committee has organized the highly successful two-day event, which brings together more than one thousand grade five students, parents, and teachers from Brantford and Brant County public, Catholic, private and Six Nations schools meeting in Milton on April 10. for a full day of hands-on learning about agriculture in Ontario. This year's program was held April 10 and 11 at the Burford Fairgrounds.

"We are honoured that we have won this special award; we feel Bite of Brant is successful because we have over 100



to a nomination from the Brant Bruce Christie, left, and Crispin Colvin, right, present the 2019 Farm & Food Care Champion Award to Barbara Sheardown (holding the plaque) and Jayne Miller of the Brant **County Agricultural Awareness Committee**

volunteers and we couldn't do have this support throughout teerism that makes agricultural this program without them," said committee member Barbara Sheardown while accepting the honour at the Farm & Food Care Ontario annual

"It's important they (students) learn about where their Animal Council, one of Farm food comes from as they are & Food Care's legacy organiconsumers and will be decision-makers in the future," she added. "City of Brantford, 2012 when the new organiza-County of Brant and ag and tion was formed, but with the

the county."

According to Bruce Christie, former Farm & Food Care Ontario board member, the award has its roots in the Friend given by the Ontario Farm & Food Care Champion in program and we are blessed to incredible amount of volun- nology, social studies, math,

outreach possible.

At Bite of Brant, 20 activity stations cover all areas of Ontario's agri-food industry, from wheat and milk producof OFAC Award that used to be tion, to food safety and nutrition and land stewardship. Students press apples to make cider, "milk" a life-sized cow zations. It was renamed Farm model, compare food costs, and mill wheat to make flour.

The activities support the Ontario curriculum in subject community groups support this same goal: to recognize the areas like science and tech-

language, art and health.

"This is the type of agricultural outreach we need to promote a positive image to our urban neighbours," said Farm & Food Care Ontario board member Crispin Colvin as he announced this year's award recipient.



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