

There are many reasons someone volunteers – to gain a new skill, to give back, or to make a difference. This volunteer is a person who enjoys giving a service while expecting nothing in return. Often the only recognition she gets, if that, is a “thank you”. This volunteer has been part of many teams. She’s the kind of person who will take on any task and do it with a smile. She’s one of those volunteers that goes above and beyond and is always behind the scene giving unselfishly her time, energy, and sometimes even funds. She’s always there to help; she is one of those people who gives "straight from her heart."

An active member of many civil, public and professional groups including being a leader for many years and on many levels for the Girl Scouts of America, being Director of Estate Management Company Ltd., being President of Ardmoor Homeowners Association and a pilot since the age of 16, she is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

An active attendee of the past 12 Conferences, she has vast experience within her own club as well as within FAWCO.

For her Club, she was Club Secretary twice, Club President in 2000 when they marked their 25th year, and FAWCO Rep for the last 3 years.

With FAWCO, her years of service include being FAWCO Secretary 2001-03, 2nd VP 2006-2007, Presidents Coordinator 2007-09, FAWCO Nominating Chair 2008-9 and last but not least, being President of The FAWCO Foundation.

She has assisted in organizational needs for several of the Region 1 retreats, hosted The Foundation’s 3 day board meeting in her home 2010, doing all the cooking and always baking cookies for us all. I have had the pleasure of working closely with her in the last 2 years, I particularly appreciated her ready smile, her easy-going approach to collaboration, her can-do spirit and her curious and open mind.

The Caroline Curtis Brown Spirit Award was established in 2005 in appreciation of service exemplifying the spirit, inspiration and dedication of our Founder Caroline Curtis Brown.

I am pleased and proud to announce the recipient of the 2012 Caroline Curtis Brown Spirit Award, Foundation President Melissa Mash of AW of Surrey.