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Brandon Salutes Formally Salutes Local Resident

Grace Anderson will be the first recipient of a Brandon Salutes official SALUTE in recognition of her significant contributions towards recognizing and responding to the unique challenges military families face.

Grace was nominated to be a SALUTE recipient by the Douglass family. Major Patrick Douglass was required to relocate his mother (from Toronto) to be closer to the family and chose Brandon as her new home, due to the close proximity to CFB Shilo where he was stationed. Shortly after her relocation, the Douglass family was unexpectedly posted to Barrie, Ontario, leaving Major Douglass's mother in a new community without local family support.

In absence of family support, Grace Anderson, a neighbour of Major Douglass's mother voluntarily assumed the role of friend, companion, and mentor. Grace willingly fulfilled the obligations normally provided by family without any expectation of compensation or recognition, greatly alleviating the stress the Douglass family encountered associated with the Ontario posting.

"Through Grace's true volunteerism and community spirit, my mother was able to continue living independently until my family could arrange a closer posting. Grace embodies the picture of good, old-fashioned neighborliness that we knew Western Manitoba could offer" said Major Patrick Douglass.

Brandon Salutes Chairperson, Lori Dangerfield presented Grace with a certificate of "salute" as formal recognition of her significant contributions toward achieving Brandon Salute's mission: "to foster unity of the military and civilian communities in the Brandon area".

The **salute** is as old as history itself and is at once a greeting and a mark of respect. It is also a mark of trust and confidence and an act of courtesy, good manners and loyalty.

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