

# 2009 Celebrated Volunteer



**Cindy Mason**  
**42 Charles Street**

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Literacy is obviously part of succeeding in life, but so is numeracy — the ability to deal with numbers. That's why the Learning Opportunities Program (LOP) at 42 Charles Street offers small-group numeracy classes. The group couldn't have a better instructor than Cindy Mason, who says: "I love working with numbers! And I love working with LOP participants and with the YMCA staff."

Cindy came to 42 Charles Street in 2008 after a happy experience with the Markham Y's Youth Internship Program left her wanting to do more. Now she teaches one class a week, helping participants with their resumes and job searches and, of course, leading them in exercises to develop their skill with numbers. "Her creativity, resourcefulness and flexibility are admirable," says nominator Taraneh Pishghadam. "We hope to have her with us for years to come." That seems likely. Cindy says, "My time at the Y is something I look forward to each week."

