

BIO - MARG POLLON



A native Calgarian, Marg Pollon founded Bridges of Love Ministry in March, 2004. Under her leadership, Bridges of Love has grown to a church network of 50+ churches and over 50 trained CERT volunteers who are coordinated, equipped, and ready to respond to the needs of the community when disaster strikes.

She began her working career as a Medical Laboratory Technologist and after retiring in 1994, she and her husband enjoyed serving guests at their Bed and Breakfast in the Okanagan Valley.

Returning to Calgary in 2001, Marg had an opportunity to serve with NeighbourLink Calgary, an organization that cared for the vulnerable population. Here she learned to love the unlovely which inspired her to pursue other volunteer opportunities. Marg envisioned a network of churches that would set aside theological differences and mobilize together to embrace people in times of need. A plan was developed to serve the community, through building Bridges of Love. Marg's medical background was a natural fit, connecting church with community, through Pandemic Preparedness. Since 2006, the focus broadened to Emergency Preparedness followed by Community Emergency Response Team volunteer training.

Marg completed ICS 300, Group Crisis Intervention, Counter-Terrorism Office Workshop, and the CERT US basic training. She was the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth 11 Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Prime Minister's Social Innovator Volunteer Award (Prairies), and the Calgary Chamber of Volunteer Organizations Non Profit Innovation Award.

Marg is married to husband Tom and they have 3 grown children and 4 precious grand-children.