Josie Gotfrit Award

Josie Gotfrit was born in Montreal in 1931. She joined the faculty of Community
Recreation Leadership Training (C.R.L.T.) at Dawson College as a part-time instructor
in 1972. She was appointed a full-time faculty member in 1977. On May 21, 1981 Josie
died of cancer.

The loss felt by the community of Josie’s family, friends, colleagues and students is
captured by these words of a student: “She was always there. I had only to find her
face, those eyes, to be renewed with her warmth, caring and strength. One of the
greatest gifts she gave me was an insatiable appetite for learning. Even in her final
days she helped me to learn more about me, her, pain, sadness, love, caring,
touching. I am one of the lucky ones; I knew her, if only for a short time. She never
stopped showing me she believed in me. She helped me become the person I am.
Everyone I touch will be touched with a bit of Josie.”

In June 1981, a group of her friends met and proposed a living memorial through the
establishment of a scholarship/bursary fund in her name for a student demonstrating
the kind of human values that Josie personified.

The award is made to a student(s) graduating from the Dawson College C.R.L.T.
program and continuing on to the study of recreation and leisure or other human
services at the university level in the amount of $1000.00 per year.
To date, over $16000.00 have been given to students to pursue their studies at the
university level by the Josie Gotfrit Memorial Scholarship Award. The C.R.L.T.
program