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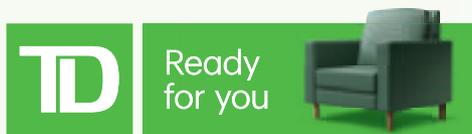
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Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons, a charitable organization founded in 1985, assists people with physical disabilities to live fuller lives. Its mission is to create awareness in the public, business communities and government of the abilities of persons with disabilities and their needs in the areas of housing, employment, education, accessibility, sports and recreation and research. In the past 33 years, the Foundation has raised substantial funds, which it has distributed to a wide variety of organizations and events. These include the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame, the Eternal Flame of Hope, the Rotary Cheshire Home, the Canadian Helen Keller Awards Luncheon, the annual Great Valentine Gala, the King Clancy Awards, the Corporate Awards, the WhyNot Marathon, the first Canadian Marathon for the Paralympics, Jeff Adams' CN Tower climb, Rolling Rampage Wheelchair 10K Road Race and Rolling Rampage on the Hill.



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As Honorary Patron of the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons, I happily extend my warm greetings to all attending this year's Canadian Disability

Hall of Fame luncheon.

Having grown over two decades to more than 100 honourees, the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame has become this country's foremost forum for recognizing accessibility champions. I congratulate this year's honourees, Todd Nicholson, Jim Sanders, Shirley Shelby, and Rob Snoek, on their achievements and demonstrated records of service. All of us will take inspiration from their vision of an accessible society in which everyone can realize their full potential.

This 150th anniversary year of Confederation has been a time to engage in dialogue about who we are, and wish to be, as a people. It is in this spirit that I commend the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons and its supporters for their sustained advocacy for persons with disabilities. I look forward to what you will continue to contribute.

Please accept my very best wishes for an enjoyable event.

The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell
The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario



As Chair of the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame, I'm pleased to announce our 2017 Hall of Fame inductees: former CNIB President Jim Sanders, Paralympic sledge-hockey legend Todd Nicholson, Paralympic

track-and-field star Rob Snoek and inspirational leader in sports for the physically disabled Shirley Shelby.

It's truly an honour to join you in celebrating these exceptional individuals for their extraordinary contributions to the lives of people in the disability community.

For nearly a quarter century, the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame has strived to help create greater sensitivity and awareness of the obstacles faced by people with disabilities and the remarkable skills and capabilities they possess. Fortunately, our task is made easy by the fact that, invariably, the personal stories of our inductees are profoundly moving and inspiring.

It goes without saying that everyone, regardless of ability, deserves respect and opportunity. The Hall of Fame proudly recognizes this year's inductees, and I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each of you attending this wonderful event for your vital contributions and support.

I also want to thank the members of the Hall of Fame's Selection Board for their careful deliberations in choosing this year's inductees, and I want to acknowledge the support provided by everyone on the dedicated team at the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons. Thank you one and all.

The Honourable David Crombie
Chair, The Canadian Disability Hall of Fame



Greetings and welcome to the induction celebrations for the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame. Today we recognize the outstanding contributions of four remarkable individuals

and add their names to The Hall's distinguished record of achievement.

Jim Sanders, who rose through the ranks at CNIB to become President and CEO, helped steer this vital organization into the modern era. Paralympians Todd Nicholson and Rob Snoek helped drive the Paralympic movement through both their celebrated athletic careers and tireless advocacy after retirement. Shirley Shelby devoted herself for more than 40 years to helping Canadians with a disability enhance their lives through sport.

Each in their way has helped make the world a better place. Please join me in thanking our 2017 inductees for pursuing their dreams and inspiring us all with their dedication and accomplishments.

Through your presence here today, you, too, are doing your part to eliminate barriers and open doors.

I want to say a special thanks to the Honourable David Crombie for chairing the Selection Board of the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame.

I also want to thank our loyal patrons and sponsors and all who support the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons' campaign to create a world of meaningful opportunity for Canadians who live with disability. Please keep backing our efforts, and together we'll continue to make an important difference.

The Honourable Vim Kochhar
Chair, Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons

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Welcome to the Hall of Fame

The Canadian Disability Hall of Fame's inductees, through their inspired leadership and personal achievements, represent the best aspects of our community.

THE DISABILITY rights movement in Canada is remarkable for the exceptional contributions of countless caring and dedicated citizens, many of whom we've celebrated over the years in the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame.

Through their inspired leadership and personal achievements, these individuals have helped their fellow Canadians with disabilities overcome countless and momentous obstacles in all areas of their lives.

In honouring this year's inductees, it's instructive to think back to what life was like before the disability rights movement. Prior to the 1970s, when the movement got underway, governments across Canada did not prioritize meeting the needs of people with disabilities, if they considered them at all, and discrimination against people with disabilities was common.

As we detail in our feature article, "How Canada Has Progressed," the



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2016 Hall of Fame Inductees: *Left to right*; Tim Frick, Marni Abbott-Peter, Hon. Tracy MacCharles, Hon. Vim Kochhar, Ann Nugent-Kelly (*representing Terry Kelly*), Hon. David Crombie



Top Left:
Jim & Anne Sanders
with Hon. Vim Kochhar



Top Middle:

Tim Frick
(2016 Hall of Fame Inductee)



Top Right:

Marni Abbott-Peter
(2016 Hall of Fame Inductee)



Right:

2016 Hall of Fame Induction
luncheon attendees

1970s were a turning point. It was a time of momentous struggle by many marginalized groups, and the disability movement achieved historic advances in the fight for equal treatment and access.

Significantly, the Canadian government, in 1970, enacted the first law to give specific rights to people with disabilities, the Canadian Human Rights Act, and seven years later, the Act came into force. This ground-breaking legislation shone a light on the need for all Canadians to be treated equally. While it didn't address in detail the needs of the disabled, it gave every Canadian the same rights under the law and opened the door to many of the fundamental changes in Canada that have improved the lives of people with disabilities.

"As Canadians, we should be proud of our collective actions on behalf of people with disabilities," said the Honourable Vim Kochhar, founder of the Hall of Fame. "The country has been transformed by these efforts, and it continues to evolve into a more inclusive and accessible society."

Still, the pace of progress can be slow and people, justifiably, become frustrated and dismayed.

"That's one of the reasons why the Hall of Fame is so important," said Kochhar. "It not only celebrates past achievements, but also helps us appreciate the fact that, each and every day, dedicated individuals continue to make extraordinary contributions to the lives of people in the disability community. I believe the stories behind our 2017 inductees are positive proof that the disability rights movement remains alive and well."

On October 18, 2017, the CFPDP will host its 24th annual Hall of Fame induction celebrations in the Concert Hall of Toronto's Fairmont Royal York hotel. Guest speaker for the luncheon ceremonies will be Paul Clark, President, TD Direct Investing and EVP, TD Bank Group. The 2017 Canadian Disability Hall of Fame inductees are:

- Todd Nicholson, [Athlete], retired Paralympic para ice hockey player, participated in five Paralympics, winning three medals, including



Top Left:

Joanne Smith, Emcee

Top Right:

Hon. Vim Kochhar and Michael Burns, CEO, *Invictus Games* with past inductees Robert Hampson and Bernard Gluckstein

Left:

2016 Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon Head Table Guests: *Left to right*; Rika Wilkinson, Wilf Wilkinson, Bruce Kidd, Hon. Sarabjit Marwah, Hon. Con Di Nino, Hon. David C. Onley, Sriram Iyer, Hon. Vim Kochhar, Hon. David Crombie, Hon. Tracy MacCharles, Michael Burns

gold in Torino 2006; advocates for Paralympic athletes and champions the inclusion of all people in the recreational and cultural lives of their communities.

- **Jim Sanders**, [*Builder*], former President and CEO of the CNIB, helped steer this vital organization into the modern era; since retiring from the CNIB in 2009 after more than 40 years' employment, continues to share his skills and talents wherever he can be of assistance.
- **Shirley Shelby**, [*Achiever*], passionate advocate for people with disabilities, founded a pioneering travel agency in the late 1970s that focused on special-needs travel, helped improve airline policies for travellers with disabilities; a recognized leader in sports administration for people with disabilities, continues to stay involved to this day.
- **Rob Snoek**, [*Achiever*], retired Paralympic track-and-field athlete, participated in three Paralympics, setting several Canadian records; subsequently became a CBC sports broadcaster

covering the Paralympics, frequently contributes his spare time to speaking about the importance of physical activity for all.

As always, the Honourable David Crombie, Chair of the Hall of Fame, will host the induction celebrations. Crombie, a former Mayor of Toronto, Member of Parliament and Federal Cabinet Minister, said the Hall of Fame celebrates people – both those with disabilities and the able-bodied – who through their hard work and achievements have made exceptional contributions to a more inclusive Canada.

“The changes we have seen over the years have come about only because determined citizens have been willing to stand up and demand that all Canadians be treated fairly,” said Crombie.

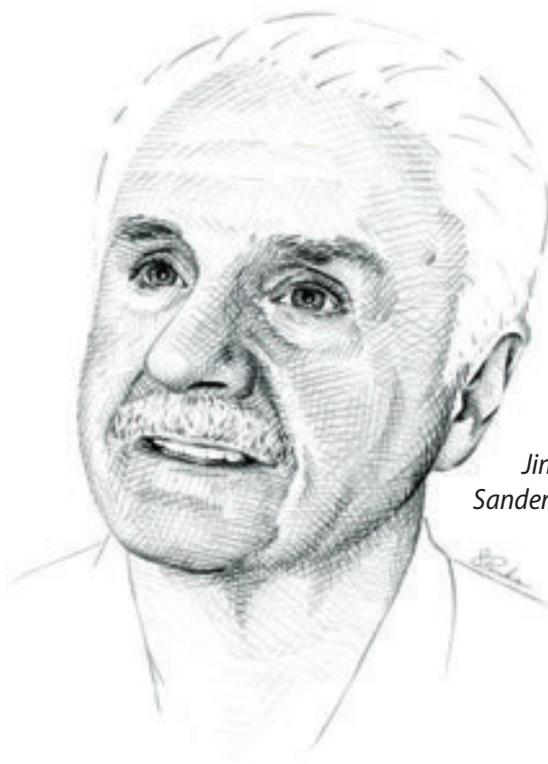
“Today, we honour our newest inductees, but there is still much to do. When the celebration is over, we must get back to the work of building a better world for all those who require our support and understanding.”

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

DRAWINGS BY SHANNON PARKS



Todd
Nicholson



Jim
Sanders

TODD NICHOLSON *Athlete*

Todd Nicholson's achievements in sport have been outstanding, both on and off the ice. As a para athlete, he enjoyed a brilliant career with Canada's National Para Ice Hockey Team, highlighted by five Paralympic Games appearances and three Paralympic medals. Nicholson won gold in Torino in 2006, silver in Nagano in 1998 and bronze in Lillehammer in 1994. He also won eight medals at World Championships.

For 15 years, he captained the team, honing his skills as a leader. Once ranked among the world's top six players in the sport, he was extremely versatile, able to play any position on the ice. On two occasions – in 1998 and 2002 – he was named to the Paralympic All-Star Team.

In addition to para ice hockey, Nicholson participated in a number of other sports at the national or international level, including wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis, triathlon, duathlon, marathons and para-skeleton.

In honour of his accomplishments, he was selected to be Canada's flag bearer for the Opening Ceremony of the Torino 2006 Paralympic Games.

Nicholson's introduction to Paralympic sports occurred in 1987 at the Royal Ottawa Rehabilitation Centre, where he was recuperating after a car accident that had left him

a paraplegic. The accident took place as he was returning home on the night of his high school prom.

In 2010, following the Vancouver Paralympic Games, Nicholson retired from para ice hockey competition – but not from his commitment to sport and the Paralympic movement. He has continued to stay involved in sport as a volunteer, coaching at both local and national levels.

In connection with the Paralympic movement, he advocated for Paralympic athletes from 2013 to 2017 in his role as chair of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athletes' Council and as a member of the Governing Board for the International Paralympic Committee. He also contributed as the IPC Athlete Representative to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and as a Paralympic Games Committee representative.

At a time when the Paralympic movement was experiencing exponential growth and development, Nicholson worked tirelessly to ensure the athletes' concerns were represented and that their perspective on issues resonated throughout the organizations.

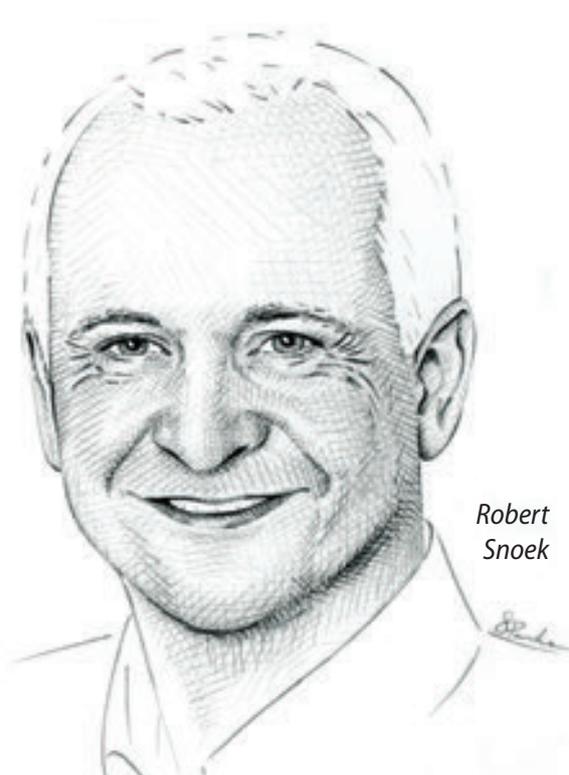
Reflecting on his induction into the Disability Hall of Fame, Nicholson said, "It really hits home... it's pretty special," adding he credits the people around him for making it possible for him to pursue his goals.

MEET THE CANADIAN DISABILITY HALL OF FAME 2017 INDUCTEES

This year's Hall of Fame inductees continue a great tradition of athletic excellence, advocacy and leadership. **CDHF**
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*Shirley
Shelby*



*Robert
Snoek*

"I haven't done anything on my own, I've always had tons of support to help me achieve some of those dreams that I set myself for myself as a kid."

In January 2017, Nicholson's efforts and contributions were recognized yet again when he was named Team Canada's Chef de Mission for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. He says that while his previous role advocating at the international level for Paralympic athletes was rewarding, he's "very excited to be able to put my Team Canada hat back on and support our Canadian athletes."

Looking further ahead, Nicholson has his sights set on perhaps his biggest dream – that of developing an ambitious new recreational complex in his hometown of Ottawa. Modelled after the hugely successful Abilities Centre Durham, the proposed Abilities Centre Ottawa would offer sports, fitness, arts, life skills, research and educational opportunities. Nicholson is a board member of the organization seeking to build the Ottawa facility, and he's also a board member of Abilities Centre Durham.

In 2014, Nicholson was inducted into the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of his athletic accomplishments as well as his volunteer efforts to increase the participation and inclusion of all people in the recreational and cultural lives of their communities.

Other prestigious honours he has received include the Queen's Golden and Silver Jubilee medals, the Meritorious Service Cross (M.S.C.) from the Governor General of Canada and the Athletes Can Leadership Award.

Nicholson also seeks to contribute through community-level public speaking at schools, hospitals and businesses. A dedicated role model for children – and all Canadians – he shares a powerful message of "Never give up on your dreams."

JIM SANDERS *Builder*

Jim Sanders was born with severe glaucoma in 1947 in what's now Thunder Bay, Ontario. Although expected to go blind in childhood, he didn't lose his sight entirely until age 36.

As a young person with a visual impairment, Sanders faced his share of challenges. But he recalls adjusting relatively easily due to the strong support he received from his parents, 10 siblings, the school system – and the local branch of the CNIB.

No doubt, the many helping hands extended to him in his formative years contributed to his decision to dedicate his life to helping others.

During his teens and early 20s, Sanders worked part-time and summers at the CNIB, including a stint as the first

blind water-ski and para-sailing instructor at the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre in Muskoka. In 1969, upon completing university, he joined the organization as his first career move – and ended up staying more than 40 years.

Sanders advanced quickly through the ranks and gained experience in many different leadership positions. At various times, he held divisional Executive Director roles in both Western Canada and Quebec. In 1989, he helped establish CNIB's first government relations office in Ottawa and took on a key advocacy role as National Director of Government Relations and International Liaison.

In the early 1990s, the Canadian government was engaged in overhauling The Canadian Copyright Act. Sanders worked to obtain a copyright exemption for alternative-format materials aimed at Canadians with print disabilities. His efforts helped improve the availability of these materials in Canada, and today CNIB is at the forefront of alternative-format production.

Around the same time, Sanders authored "The Right to Know," a paper that smoothed the way for the establishment of Accessibility Media Inc. (AMI), previously known as the National Broadcast Reading Service, a service that still today provides news, entertainment and information for the blind, visually impaired, deaf and hearing impaired.

In 1997, with electronic technology gaining prominence as an important factor in services for people with disabilities, Sanders took on the role of Vice President of Client Services and Technology. He subsequently guided the CNIB Library into the digital age. It was a significant change for the organization, and the CNIB Library remains today a model for the delivery of specialized library services.

In 2001, Sanders took the helm at the CNIB. His contributions as president and CEO – positions he held for nine years – included a renewed focus on research and the introduction of a bold, new corporate image designed to increase awareness of the organization and strengthen its relevance in the public's mind. He also led a revitalization of the CNIB's Lake Joseph Centre in Muskoka and the construction of the new CNIB Centre in Toronto.

"It's truly an honour to be inducted into the Hall of Fame," said Sanders. "Over my 42-year career with CNIB and now in retirement remaining active, I have met many, many people throughout Canada who are equally deserving. So I appreciate how fortunate I am to receive this recognition. Also, it's a special honour for me to be inducted into the same Hall as Lieutenant Colonel Edwin Baker, who was one of the founders of CNIB, and served as its chief executive from 1920 until 1962."

Sanders retired from the CNIB in 2009, but he continues to crusade tirelessly on behalf of people with disabilities. From 2010 to 2015, he served as chair of Ontario's Accessibility Standards Advisory Council.

After leaving the CNIB, he and his wife moved to Guelph, Ontario to be closer to their daughter. A lifelong advocate of involvement at the local community level, Sanders transferred to the Guelph Lions Club and is now in his second year as president. In addition, he's a member

of the Guelph Probus Club, where he has just begun a one-year term as president, and he volunteers at both the Guelph United Way and the local CNIB.

Past honours Sanders has received in recognition of his service to people living with vision loss include the Order of Canada, the Hellen Keller Award and the King Clancy Award.

SHIRLEY SHELBY *Achiever*

For more than four decades, Shirley Shelby has been a passionate advocate for people with disabilities. As both a pioneering travel agent serving special-needs travellers and a tireless administrator of sports for physically disabled athletes, her positive impact on the disability community has been immeasurable.

But like many people who make profound contributions to important social causes, her involvement started almost by accident. Upon retiring from teaching music in Toronto in 1975, Shelby and her husband planned to travel the world. But when her husband suffered a stroke on their first trip, she quickly learned about the obstacles disabled individuals often faced when travelling.

To help address the problem, she began working with Transport Canada, attended special-needs travel conferences and even organized her own conferences in Toronto.

Eventually, Shelby opened a ground-breaking travel agency, Travel Helpers, that specialized in providing services for people with disabilities. Soon she was managing the travel and accommodation needs for a host of disability sports organizations, including the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association, Canadian Amputee Sports Association, Canadian Blind Sports Association and the Canadian Association of Disabled Skiing.

During her time running the agency, she became a leader in advocating for changes in travel policies and procedures to improve the travel experiences of people with disabilities.

For example, there was once a policy stating airlines could carry only eight people at a time in a wheelchair. Shelby asked, "How is a whole team supposed to travel?" Because of her advocacy, the policy was changed.

Due to Shelby's many contributions, people with disabilities today are, for the most part, able to travel with dignity, and disabled athletes travelling with adaptive equipment can have confidence that their equipment is being well cared for.

Though Travel Helpers is no longer in business, it helped create awareness of the demand for special-needs travel services. Today, many travel agencies operate in this specialized market niche.

In 1981, motivated by the attitude and commitment of the athletes she was meeting through her work, she decided that she wanted to become more involved in sports for people with disabilities. Aware the Canada Summer Games were being hosted in Toronto that year at the newly opened Variety Village, she called up the chair and asked, "What can I do to get involved?"

He replied, "How about you head up the Services Committee."

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This was no small assignment, but she accepted and took on responsibility for all the travel arrangements, accommodations and meals for hundreds of athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers.

In the end, the Games were a roaring success, in large part because of Shelby's efforts. This was the beginning of her significant impact on the lives of people with disabilities through her incredible dedication to the administrative side of sport.

In short order, she found more ways to get involved. Notably, she became a founding member of Sport for Disabled Ontario (now ParaSport Ontario) and a founding member and voluntary president of the Ontario Blind Sports Association (OBSA). Nearly 40 years later, Shelby is still an integral member of the OBSA board of directors.

Through her dedicated work in these organizations, she has helped numerous Canadians with a disability realize the benefits that sports and physical activity can have on both body and soul. As an administrator, she demonstrated an exceptional ability to advance programs and athlete development, while simultaneously balancing books and politics.

Some of the athletes supported through her work have gone on to win multiple medals at national and international competitions. Indeed, it's safe to say that her decades of determined efforts helped lay the solid foundation on which the Paralympic movement continues to build.

But no matter what level of success these athletes achieved, all benefitted in some measure from a more accessible and inclusive sport experience.

Shelby's remarkable efforts to eliminate the barriers faced by people living with disabilities have already garnered well-deserved recognition. She is a recipient of both the King Clancy Award (2008) and the Ontario Sport Award (2013), and she was inducted into the Ontario Blind Sports Association Hall of Fame in 2013.

ROBERT SNOEK *Achiever*

If you're Canadian and a fan of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, you're probably familiar with Rob Snoek. He's been one of CBC Television's go-to broadcasters at both elite sporting competitions dating back to the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Over the years, he's provided commentary on 18 different sports, from skiing and snowboarding to athletics and water polo – which is no small feat considering the amount of research and preparation required to speak authoritatively on even a single sport. Next on his schedule: the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea.

You may also know Snoek from his radio career. Weekdays, he talks sports on Durham Radio in Oshawa, and he's the voice during Extra 90.5 fm's broadcasts of the Ontario Hockey League's Peterborough Petes.

But there's more to this Orono, Ontario native than smooth sports commentary.

Snoek, himself, is a former elite athlete, who competed

for 12 years in para track-and-field events. He represented Canada at the Paralympic Games in Barcelona in 1992, Atlanta 1996 and Sydney in 2000, as well as at four World Championships.

He's also a Canadian sports record holder.

Snoek's most successful outing was in 1998 at the World Championships in Birmingham, England. He picked up two medals, and his long jump of 5.99 metres was the best-ever for a Canadian in his category. This Canadian record still stands to this day.

Snoek set three other Canadian records at the event – in the 100-metre race (11.99 seconds), the 200-metre (24.93 seconds) and the 400-metre (57 seconds) – but they were later surpassed.

Growing up, Snoek worked hard to get better in sports and competed at a high level in his community, but the fact that he had a disability created a seemingly unsurmountable barrier.

On his first birthday, he had lost his leg below the knee due to a congenital bone disease in his tibia. He never considered himself disabled in the midst of competitive play, but knew he was at a disadvantage and wondered how good he could have been.

Upon discovering the Paralympics in his late teens, Snoek realized there was an avenue for him to compete with the best on a level playing field to see how he measured up. In time, through dedication and training, he posted performances that elevated him to the very top ranks in his events.

"As an athlete, I was always about the concept of personal best, of trying to get better every day," said Snoek. That perspective served him well in sports, and he applies it to his career in broadcasting as well.

His involvement with CBC's Paralympics coverage is a good example. From one Paralympic Games to the next, he continually searches for new ways to improve the coverage. "I'm always thinking that we need to do a better job, we need to cover Paralympic sport better, we need to represent Paralympic athletes better. I'm passionate about doing better today than yesterday." he said.

"At the end of every Paralympics, it's like, 'Yeah, we did a lot of great work, but we still have a long way to go.'"

Snoek doesn't like to blow his own horn, but he recognizes that his para-sports career and high-profile work in broadcasting are helping bring increased awareness to disability sports. "What I've noticed, and it's very encouraging, is that para athletes, more and more, are becoming integrated into everyday life. It's not strange anymore to see someone with a disability playing a sport. It's become the norm. And I feel that if I've had any part in that, then it's been a worthwhile endeavour."

An accomplished public speaker, Snoek has delivered educational and inspirational messages to over a thousand audiences.

He received the James Vipond Award as Ontario's Best Paralympic Athlete in 1992 and was inducted to the Clarington Sports Hall of Fame in 2009. He is also a past recipient of the CFPDP's King Clancy Award.



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Marcel Hug



Amanda McGrory

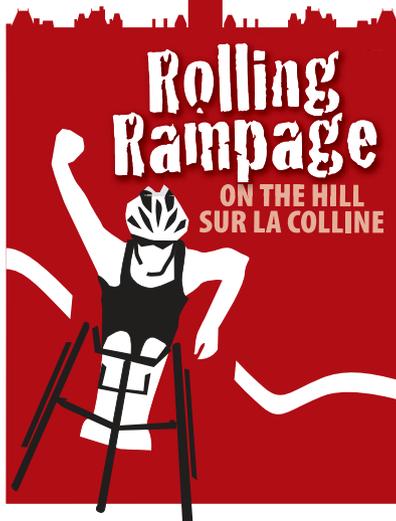
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MEN'S WINNERS

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WOMEN'S WINNERS

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USA	Australia	Canada
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the inspired leadership and
accomplishments of Canadians
who live with disability*



The Canadian Disability Hall of Fame is a national public awareness project of the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons.

Launched in 1993, the Hall of Fame is the flagship of the CFPDP's long-running campaign to make a world of greater opportunity for Canadians who live with disability.

"The Hall of Fame is a tribute to the great wealth of talent and ability in the disability community," says Hall of Fame Chairman David Crombie. "The greatest barrier for many people with disabilities is other people's misconceptions about physical disability. People with disabilities have a long and exemplary history of achievement in this country and the Hall of Fame is a great way to highlight their achievements."

Located in downtown Toronto on the ground floor of Metro Hall, 55 John Street, the Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding achievement in sports, health and rehabilitation, science and medical research, advocacy, public policy, volunteerism and community service. Among the Hall of Fame's many distinguished members:

Paralympian **CHRIS WILLIAMSON**, the visually impaired athlete and one of the world's most decorated para-alpine racers with an incredible 105 IPC World Cup podium finishes.

ELISABETH WALKER-YOUNG, a four-time Paralympian who has become one of the Paralympic movement's most influential advocates and administrators.

MARK WAFER, entrepreneur and outspoken advocate of inclusive workplaces as a winning strategy for Canadian business owners.

RAMESH FERRIS, polio survivor and international leader in the global campaign for polio eradication and rehabilitation.

RAYMOND COHEN, founder, publisher and editor of Abilities magazine, "Canada's lifestyle magazine for people with disabilities".

ARCHIE ALLISON, influential accessibility advocate and coach, teacher, friend and mentor to generations of young people with disabilities.

BENOÎT HUOT, a triple world record holder and winner of 16 Paralympic medals in swimming, including eight golds and four silvers.

COLETTE BOURGONJE, nine-time Paralympian and multi-medalist in both the Summer and Winter Paralympic Games.

DAVID SHANNON, founding chair of the Accessibility Advisory Council of Ontario and the first quadriplegic to reach the geographic North Pole.

JEFF HEALEY, the legendary blues, rock and jazz musician who left an indelible mark on popular music despite losing his sight to cancer.

War amputee **H. CLIFFORD**

CHADDERTON, the internationally respected advocate for veteran, civilian and child amputees.

ANN CAINE, whose leadership and dedication to the sport of therapeutic riding created new opportunities for social growth and active living for children and adults who live with disability.

JOYCE THOMPSON, the pioneering advocate and service provider for Canada's deaf-blind community.

Short biographies of all members of the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame can be found on the CFPDP's website: www.cfpdp.com

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THE HALL OF FAME OVERTIME

The Canadian Disability Hall of Fame celebrates outstanding Canadians who have made extraordinary contributions to the disability movement



Workmen install new panels at the Hall of Fame to accommodate more inductees

And David Shannon, the first quadriplegic to reach the geographic North Pole and founding chair of the Accessibility Advisory Council of Ontario.

In Canada, like elsewhere around the world, the struggle to improve access and inclusion for people with disabilities has been long and arduous.

“Canadians are naturally empathetic and generous to those in need, but they have to be made aware there's a problem before they will act,” said The Honourable Vim Kochhar, founder of the Hall of Fame.

“That's what led us to the idea of establishing the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame. There are many, many individuals who have made important contributions to the disability movement.

Situated in the rotunda of the spacious ground floor at Toronto's Metro Hall, the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame takes a moment to catch your eye.

On approach, the angular stainless-steel installations, clean and modern-looking, announce themselves without being particularly obvious. Above, large images of past inductees are a bit more attention-getting.

It's when you arrive in the space and begin perusing the displays that it hits you.

The Hall of Fame celebrates outstanding Canadians – both people with disabilities and the able-bodied – who have made extraordinary contributions to the disability community through their achievements in sports, health and rehabilitation, science and medical research, advocacy, public policy, volunteerism and community service.

People like Chris Williamson, the visually impaired athlete and one of the world's most decorated para-alpine racers with an incredible 105 IPC World Cup podium finishes.

Ramesh Ferris, polio survivor and international leader in the global campaign for polio eradication and rehabilitation.

These people are role models for all Canadians, they're achievers and people of distinction. We believed they deserved to be recognized, and moreover, we believed that by celebrating their accomplishments and deep commitment to helping those with disabilities, we could generate increased public awareness and support for disability issues.”

A PERMANENT EXHIBIT

Kochhar said he began thinking about creating a permanent exhibit recognizing the leaders of the disability movement in the early 1990s.

Several years prior, in 1985, he had helped organize the first Great Valentine Gala to raise funds for the construction of barrier-free housing for people who are deaf-blind. The event was so successful, Kochhar was inspired to establish a charitable organization, the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons, and pursue a broader strategy of support for people with disabilities.

“We were searching for avenues to amplify the needs and challenges of people in the disability community,” said Kochhar. “We wanted to make Canada the best country in the world in terms of how it supports its citizens with disabilities.”

“Looking around, we saw there were a lot of halls of fame in Canada — for business people, sports people, people involved in community work, etc. — but none that recognized the contributions of people who promote and help those with disabilities.”

So just as he did when helping organize the first Great Valentine Gala, Kochhar pulled out his address book and began asking for support and calling in favours among his friends and contacts, including many influential business leaders and politicians.

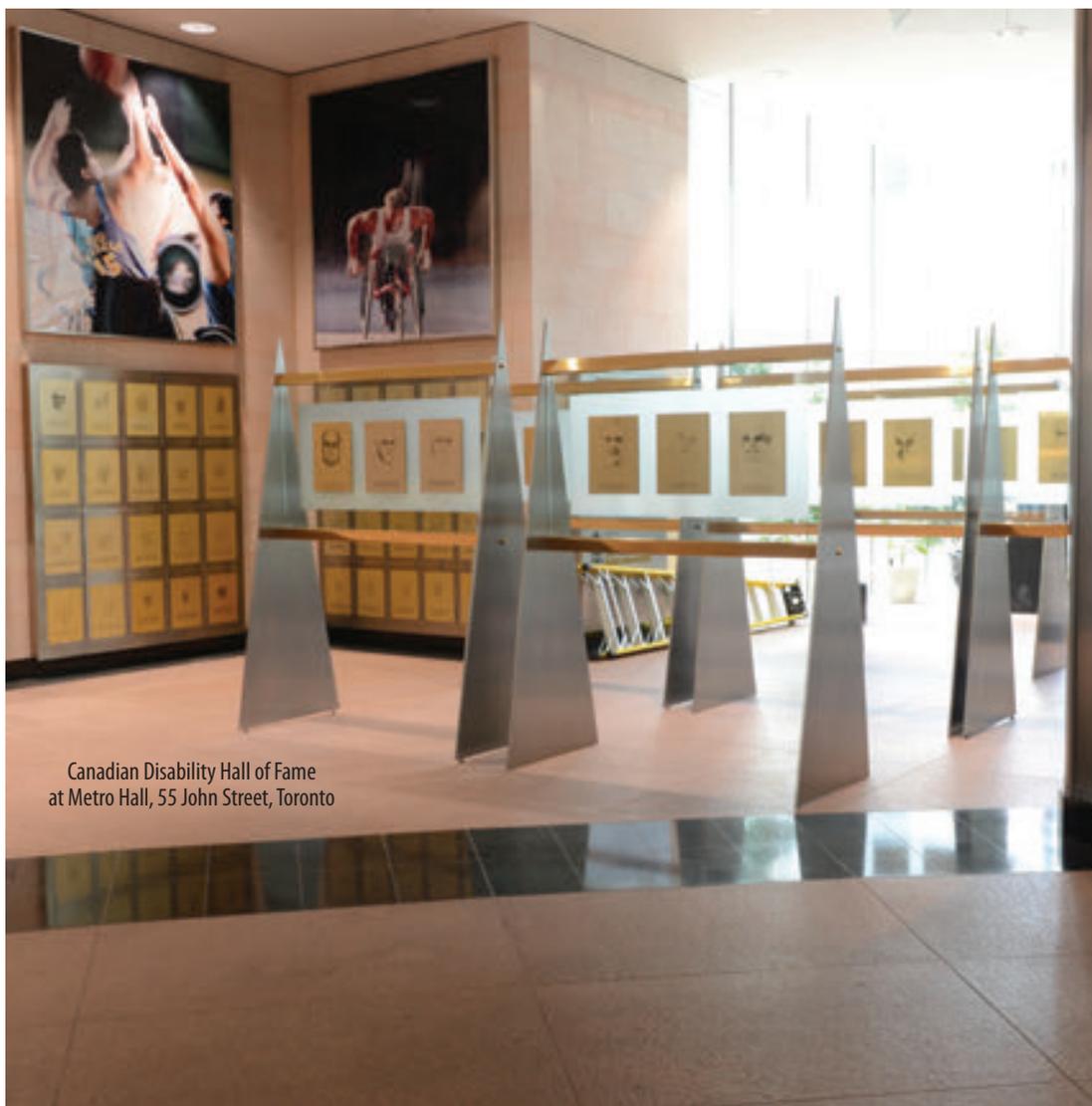
To make a long story short, the public exhibit officially opened February 11, 1994 on the second floor of Metro Hall. In 1996, it was moved to its current more visible and accessible space on the main floor of Metro Hall.

The exhibit was initially called the Terry Fox Hall of Fame, after Terry Fox, an icon of the Canadian disability movement. Later, in a bid to create a wider framework for public awareness, the name was changed to the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame. Kochhar credits Dr. Bob Jackson, who is known as the father of the Canadian Paralympic movement, with coining the new name.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Every year, nominations to the Hall are received from across Canada. They're sent by community groups, private citizens, associations and organizations of and for people with physical disabilities.

The Hall of Fame's Selection Board consists of 10 members and is headed by the Honourable David Crombie, the Hall's chair. About 20 to 25 new nominations are received yearly. When combined with the nominations received in previous years that are still under consideration, the board



Canadian Disability Hall of Fame
at Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto

typically has from 80 to 100 nominations to consider each year during a four-week review process.

Sometime in June, the Selection Board meets to conclude the review process and choose three or four new inductees. They are inducted during the annual induction luncheon.

So far, 102 extraordinary Canadians have been inducted into the Hall of Fame and four more will be added on October 18th at the 24th Annual Canadian Disability Hall of Fame Luncheon.

Each inductee is recognized with a graphite-on-paper sketch drawing and short historical bio, mounted on one of the exhibit's aluminum displays. After the 2017 inductees are accounted for, there will be room for only nine more.

Kochhar says he has space in the Hall to add one more display, creating room for another 20 inductees.

“After that, we'll need to get creative. Where there's a will there's a way. I'm confident Metro Hall will work with us to find more room to allow the Hall of Fame to keep growing and honouring our distinguished inductees.”

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THE DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN CANADA

How Canadian society evolved to become more accessible and inclusive



Today, Canada can proudly claim to be a leader in disability rights, but history tells us this wasn't always so. In fact, Canadian governments, under pressure from social reformers, really only began paying attention to the special needs of people with disabilities in the mid-to-late 19th century.

This led to the establishment of residential institutions intended to house and care for people with disabilities. There is much to criticize about Canada's treatment of its disabled citizens during this period, but at least some progress was being made.

Early in the 20th century, following World War I, the focus began shifting to community-based services, including rehabilitation and vocational training centres, to meet the needs of disabled veterans. After World War II, the population of disabled veterans swelled and demand for community services intensified.

Expansion of community services

Soon, public pressure would begin building to extend these services to all people with disabilities. In addition, by mid-century, activists and community-service organizations, such as the Canadian Association for Retarded Children (later renamed the Canadian Association for Community Living), advocated for closing residential institutions and replacing them with expanded networks of community services.

Slowly but surely, governments were responding and implementing more advanced policies. New developments in assistive technologies, including wheelchairs, were also having a meaningful impact. Finally, with better supports becoming more available to them, people with disabilities were beginning to experience more of the freedoms and opportunities that able-bodied people enjoyed every day.

But many barriers remained, among them barriers that were discriminatory in nature. Despite their desire to help

people with disabilities live better lives, Canadians at large continued to undercut them through a culture of low expectations. In general, people with disabilities were viewed as dependent on others and lacking in capabilities.

One of the consequences of this prejudiced attitude is that people with disabilities found it extremely difficult to get employment. And those who did get hired were typically forced to accept low-skilled, repetitive jobs, often in sheltered workshops.

The Disability Rights Movement gets its start

In the 1970s, people with disabilities and their supporters began to organize and adopt new, more ambitious goals. Past advocacy efforts had focused largely on improving services, including medical care. The emerging view was that people were disabled, not by their impairments, but by the obstacles they encountered in society.

Inspired by the American Civil Rights Movement and the youth culture of protest, this new wave of activists set out to tear down barriers and open doors. Their objective was to create a more accessible and inclusive society – not just for those with disabilities, but for everyone.

A number of significant developments took place during the decade, but two stand out. One was political in nature. The Council of Canadians with Disabilities (CCD), originally called the Coalition of Provincial Organizations of the Handicapped, was founded in 1976 by people with disabilities and a national network of groups that had taken up their cause. The council's mission was to give the disability community a unified voice and influence government policy. Its objective was to ensure people with disabilities would have full enjoyment of their human and equality rights. More than four decades later, CCD continues to pursue change through law reform, litigation, public education and dialogue with key decision-makers.

The other development was legal. In 1977, two years after the United Nations issued the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons, Parliament created the Canadian Human Rights Act. The express goal of the new statute was to ensure equal opportunity to individuals who may be victims of discriminatory practices, including discrimination related to a disability.

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

In 1982, a year after the United Nations recognized 1981 as the International Year of Disabled Persons — thereby shining a spotlight on the disability rights struggle — the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms further

strengthened the legal protections for people with disabilities. Under section 15, the Charter guarantees people with disabilities “the right to equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on... mental or physical disability.”

Since then, the Charter has been used often by lawyers to successfully argue disability rights cases in the courts, but it's notable that the original drafts of Charter didn't include protection for people with a disability.

The Honourable David C. Onley, Ontario's first Lieutenant Governor with a physical disability, recalls the reluctance of government officials, explaining that they feared the inclusion of disability would impose such burdensome costs on the built environment and elsewhere that the country would literally go bankrupt.

Fast forward to today, says Onley, “we do have ramps now and we do have curb cuts. And, no, it hasn't bankrupted society at all. It hasn't even come close.”

Other notable developments included the publication in 1981 of the federal government's Obstacles Report, a comprehensive review of federal legislation regarding people with disabilities, and inclusion of people with disabilities in the federal Employment Equity Act in 1986.

The Blind Persons' Rights Act, enacted in 1976, was followed by provincial legislation in Nova Scotia (1989), Ontario (1990), Newfoundland (1990) and Alberta (2000).

In Ontario, the introduction of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) in 2005 was a pivotal policy victory for the disabled community. AODA sets out a series of accessibility standards aimed at creating a barrier-free society in Ontario by 2025.

It is estimated that roughly four million Canadians live with a physical, psychiatric or developmental disability. As the population ages, the number is expected to rise to about nine million by 2030 — all the more reason for the disability community to continue its march toward equality and inclusion.

Disabled individuals will always face obstacles, but the many committed advocates who have dedicated themselves to the cause of disability rights have made a huge difference in how people with disabilities are viewed by society and how they live their lives in the community.





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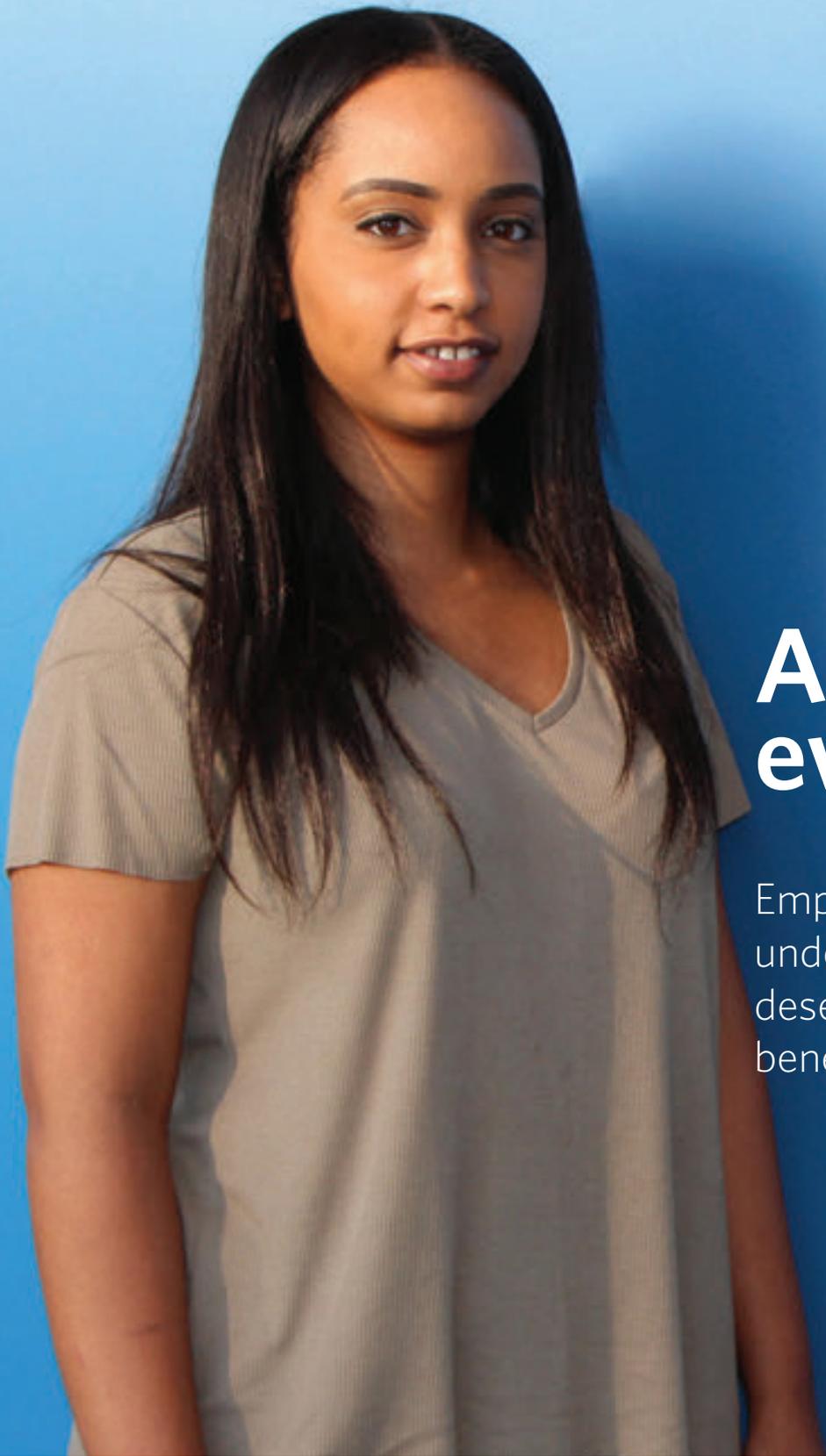


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 Rick Hansen
 Robert Wilson Jackson, M.D.
 André Viger

1994
 Arnold Boldt
 William Cameron
 Beryl Potter
 Rev. Robert L. Rumball

1995
 Bruce Halliday, M.D.
 Albin Théophile Jousse, M.D.
 Jeremy Rempel
 Mona Winberg

1996
 Arlette Lefebvre, M.D.
 Joanne Mucz
 Vicki Keith Munro
 Walter Wu

1997
 Jeff Adams
 Alice Laine/Audrey Morrice
 David Onley
 William John (Whipper Billy) Watson
 Edmund Henry (Harry) Botterell M.D.
 The Honourable Lincoln Alexander
 Gary Birch, Ph.D.
 Frank Bruno

1999
 H. Clifford Chadderton
 Leslie Lam
 Pier Morten
 Allan Simpson

2000
 Sarah Thompson
 Sam Sullivan
 Eugene Reimer
 Morris Milner, Ph.D.

2001
 Amy Doofenbaker, DVM
 Tom Hainey
 Ivy Granstrom
 Jamie MacDougall, Ph.D.

2002
 Rev. Stephanie McClellan
 Jo-Anne Robinson
 Robert Steadward, Ph.D.
 Mae Brown and Joan Mactavish

2003
 Joanne (Bouw) Berdan
 Jack Donohue
 Brian Keown
 Dr. Charles Tator, M.D.

2004
 Carlos Costa
 Johanna Johnson
 David Lepofsky, LL.B., LL.M.
 Henry Wohler

2005
 Peter Eriksson
 Lucy and Robert Fletcher
 Chantal Petitclerc
 Patrick Jarvis

2006
 Jeneece Edroff
 Michael Edgson
 June Hooper
 Steven Fletcher

2007
 Elizabeth Grandbois
 Joanne Smith
 Lauren Woolstencroft

2008
 Adrian Anantawan
 Linda Crabtree
 Dr. Geoff Fernie
 Daniel Westley

2009
 Jeff Healey
 David Hingsburger
 Diane Roy
 Gary and Jill Taylor

2010
 Colette Bourgonje
 Alan Dean
 David Shannon
 Jeff Tiessen

2011
 Archie Allison
 Benoît Huot
 Brian McKeever
 Robin McKeever
 Celia Southward

2012
 Ann Caine
 Tracey Ferguson
 Robert Hampson
 Joyce Thompson

2013
 Raymond Cohen
 David Crombie
 Stephanie Dixon
 Ramesh Ferris
 Jerry and Annie Johnston

2014
 Sudarshan Gautam
 The Honourable Vim Kochhar
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