

For twenty seven years, the Canadian Helen Keller Centre and Rotary Cheshire Apartments have been a beacon of hope and opportunity for Canadians who live with the dual disability of deaf-blindness



ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019, the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons

will host its 15th annual Canadian Helen Keller Centre Award Luncheon, celebrating a world of real hope and opportunity for Canadians living with the dual disability of deaf-blindness.

“It’s will be a very special afternoon,” promises CHKC founder and CFPDP chairman the Hon. Vim Kochhar. This year’s luncheon will honour Apple Canada for their enormous contribution to the deaf-blind community. “The inaugural Award Luncheon, 15 years ago, was the first serious effort to raise funds annually for the Canadian Helen Keller Centre and recognize those who have made an extraordinary contribution to assist persons with deaf-blindness,” adds Jennifer Robbins, Executive Director, CHKC.

In three decades, the CFPDP has raised more than \$35 million dollars for Canadians with disabilities and the issues and vital services they require. Among its many important initiatives, CFPDP funds have been earmarked for creating accessible housing, emergency intervention and education for Canada’s deafblind community. The CFPDP is a leader in public awareness projects such as The Canadian Disability Hall of Fame, The WhyNot Marathon and long term and substantial support for our nation’s Paralympic Movement. As a result of our patrons and supporters, we have created these projects:

Rotary Cheshire Homes: The world’s first truly barrier-free housing complex for people who are deaf-blind.

The Canadian Helen Keller Centre: Canada’s first training facility for the deaf-blind.





2018 Paralympic Medal Winners at the Gala

Paralympic sport: For thirty five years the CFPDP has been an active and significant sponsor of Paralympic athletes and the Canadian Paralympic Committee.

The WhyNot Marathon: The CFPDP's epic 11,000 km national torch relay in 1996 enlisting 8,000 torch bearers and 150,000 runners in over 700 communities in support of the Paralympic Games.



The Canadian Disability Hall of Fame:

The CFPDP's flagship awareness project, the Hall of Fame is a permanent public tribute to the achievements of people with disabilities. Located in downtown Toronto, it is chaired by the Honourable David Crombie and is open to the public 365 days a year.

The Eternal Flame of Hope: Ignited in 1996 by Governor General Roméo LeBlanc, the flame still burns on the public square of Toronto's Metro



The Eternal Flame of Hope

Hall as a permanent symbol of the dreams and triumphs of people who live with disability.

Sports and recreational programs for people with disabilities, including Ontario Sports for the Disabled and the 1998 Wheelchair Rugby World Championships in Toronto.

Canadian Rotary Clubs have received over \$400,000 from the CFPDP for projects assisting people with disabilities across the country.



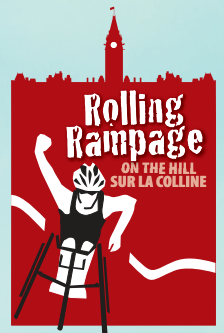
WhyNot Magazine:

Published four times a year,

WhyNot Magazine promotes the issues and achievements of the disability community.

Rolling Rampage on the Hill:

A unique event on Parliament Hill in Ottawa inviting the world's best wheelchair racers to compete for a prize purse of \$30,000.



Rolling Rampage On The Hill