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Welcome to the Hall of Fame

The Canadian Disability Hall of Fame – Honouring Achievements for 28 Years

Extraordinary contributions, heightening public awareness, increasing opportunities, an inspiration to others and world-class athleticism – this is the spirit behind the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame (CDHF).

Known as the most prestigious honour of the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons (CFPDP), the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame recognizes extraordinary individuals who, through their outstanding work and achievements, have significantly enriched the quality of life for people with disabilities. They have also

made a profound difference in their communities, our country and internationally.

Selected from a remarkable group of nominees, the three inductees for 2021 include world-class athlete Vivian Berkeley, passionate advocate for the Deaf community Frank Folino, and exceptional achiever the Honourable Carla Qualtrough. They join the prestigious ranks of 117 others who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame over the past 28 years. Considering an average of 25 years of service by each inductee to the disabled community, CDHF inductees have given 3,000 collective years of service.

The Honourable David Crombie continues as Chair of the Selection Board. He initially agreed to act as Chair for one year when the CDHF was founded but has continued to serve for 28 years.

“It has been my honour to remain as Chair for all these years,” said Crombie. “Over the years, so many incredible Canadians have been nominated and it is always a remarkably difficult process to choose just a handful of inductees. We applaud all of the exceptional achievements of the nominees and inductees, for together they are helping to make Canada an even greater country.”

“Selecting the inductees is an extremely competitive process. We



Ed Sweeney, Betty Fox, The Honourable Vim Kochhar, The Honourable Hal Jackman, The Honourable David Crombie, Rolly Fox and Alan Tonks

are so appreciative of the time and considerable efforts that Crombie and the esteemed Selection Board make each year,” said the Honourable Vim Kochhar, Founding Chair of CFPDP and the CDHF.

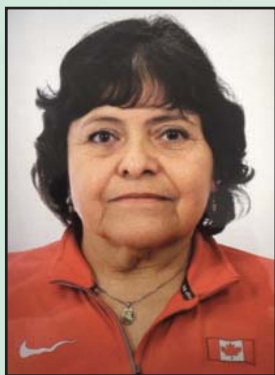
Alan Tonks was Metro Toronto Chairman when the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame was founded. It officially opened to the public on February 11, 1993 at Toronto’s Metro Hall, located at 55 John Street, in the ground floor rotunda.

“It was my privilege on behalf of Metropolitan Toronto Council to grant permission for the Hall of Fame to be established as a permanent exhibit at Metro Hall,” said Tonks. “The remarkable achievements of the many inductees are preserved, honoured and promoted to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week through this important and inspiring installation.”

“I still remember the day when the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame was founded,” said the Honourable Hal Jackman, who at the time served as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. “It was a privilege to cut the ribbon that officially opened the Hall of Fame.”

Today, the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame

2020 INDUCTEES



Martha Sandoval Gustafson



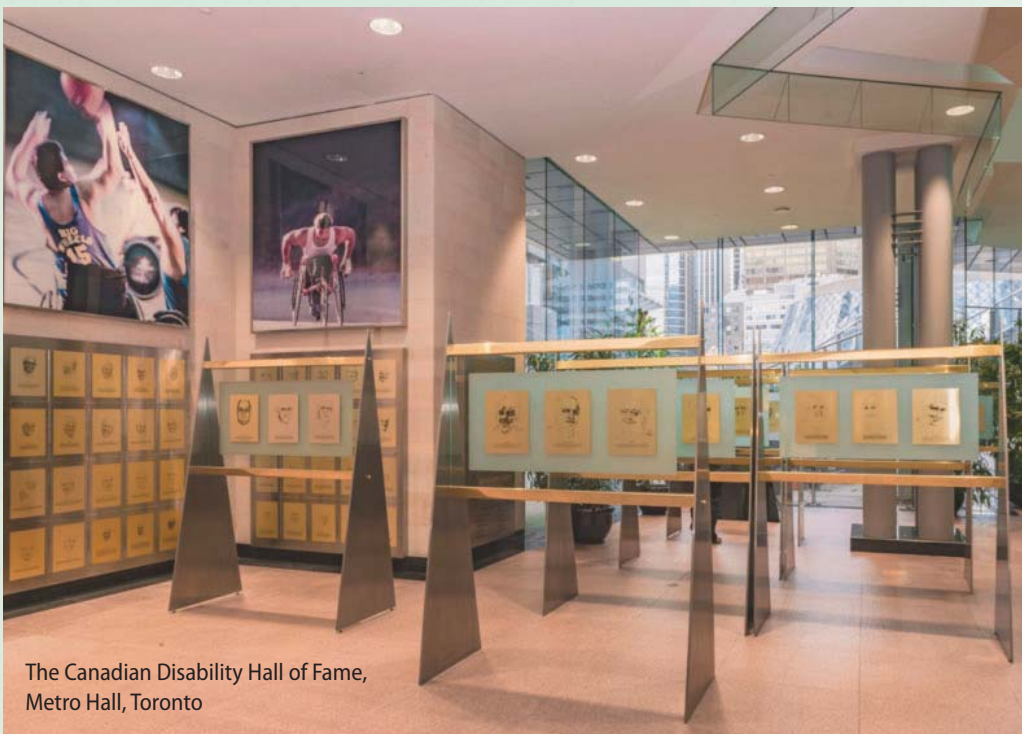
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remains the only place in Canada where individuals who live with disabilities – and help improve the lives of people with disabilities – are recognized on a permanent basis.

“Even during the pandemic, we have continued our annual tradition of inducting incredible honourees into the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame,” said Kochhar. “Unfortunately, COVID-19 has prevented us from holding live induction ceremonies in 2020 and 2021. Next year, we are planning to celebrate with nine live inductions so that inductees from the three most recent years can be honoured together. We will also recognize the outstanding achievements of all 120 inductees to date.”



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