

2018 JT Award Winner

In June 2018 **Warren Wakefield** was the recipient of the 8th annual JT Award which recognizes significant contributions to the Canadian deafblind community by a deserving individual, consumer group or service provider.

Warren became involved in the Canadian Helen Keller Centre in 1992 when he joined the Rotary Cheshire Homes Board of Directors. He helped influence the service provided to not only the tenants of Rotary Cheshire but also the eventual expansion of programs and services available to Ontarians who are deafblind.



In 1997 Warren became Chair and immediately provided leadership to increase the apartment building's reach and expand the variety of services available.

This led to the development of a training centre, a home located at 210 Empress Avenue in Toronto where those who are deafblind receive rehabilitation skills and training to increase their independence and safety as they navigate life with a progressive hearing and vision loss.

Warren personally financed almost 100% of the cost of the property at 0% interest.

It is because of this commitment and dedication to the CHKC that Warren received the 8th annual JT Award last summer. He helped shape the centre in its infancy, and beyond, benefiting generations of persons who are deafblind.

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