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THE CANADIAN DISABILITY HALL OF FAME

For 32 years, the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame has been a beacon of hope and opportunity for Canadians who live with a disability to be recognized.

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025, the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled



Persons (CFPDP) will induct three outstanding Canadians into the

Canadian Disability Hall of Fame at our annual luncheon. This event permanently recognizes outstanding Canadians who make extraordinary contributions to enriching the quality of life for people with physical disabilities. This year's inductees will be announced in June 2024 following a meeting of the Selection Board, which is chaired by the Honourable David Crombie.

The Hall of Fame was officially opened on February 11, 1993 at Metro Hall in downtown Toronto. In almost four decades, CFPDP has raised more than \$40 million 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; publishing and national public awareness projects like



Canadian Disability Hall of Fame at Metro Hall

the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame and the WhyNot Marathon. CFPDP has also provided long-term and substantial support for our nation's Paralympic movement. Here is a short list of projects that have benefited from the generosity of CFPDP supporters:

Everyone deserves "A Seat at the Table":

The newest CFPDP initiative in finding qualified Canadians with disabilities for corporate board positions.



Canadian Helen Keller Centre:

Provides affordable, barrier-free housing, training and intervenor services for people who are deafblind.



Paralympic sport: For 42 years the CFPDP has been an active and significant sponsor of Paralympic athletes and the Canadian Paralympic Committee.

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

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 Hall as a permanent symbol of the disabled community's dreams and triumphs.



The Eternal Flame of Hope

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

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

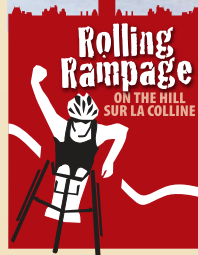
WhyNot Magazine: Published twice a year, WhyNot Magazine promotes the disability community's issues and achievements.



Beijing 2024 Paralympic Games Medal Winning Athletes at the Gala



The Canadian Helen Keller Centre



Rolling Rampage on the Hill:

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