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THE CANADIAN DISABILITY HALL OF FAME

For 33 years, the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame has been a beacon of hope and an opportunity for Canadians who live with a disability to be recognized.

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026,

Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled



Persons (CFPDP) will induct three outstanding Canadians into the

Canadian Disability Hall of Fame at our annual luncheon. Over more than four decades, CFPDP has helped raise over \$85 million for Canadians with disabilities and the issues and vital services they require. This year's inductees will be announced in June 2026 following a meeting of the Selection Board, which is chaired by the Honourable David Crombie.



Canadian Disability Hall of Fame at Metro Hall

The Hall of Fame was officially opened on February 11, 1993 at Metro Hall in downtown Toronto. Over more than four decades, CFPDP has helped raise over \$85 million for Canadians with disabilities to address the issues they face and the vital services they require. Among many important initiatives, funds have been directed toward creating affordable, accessible housing for people who are deafblind; programming and skills-based training for people with disabilities; national public awareness projects like the WhyNot Marathon and long-term, substantial support for our nation's Paralympic movement.

Here is a short list of projects that have benefited from the ongoing generosity of CFPDP supporters:

Impact Award for Disability Research:

The newest CFPDP



initiative is the creation of a \$100,000 annual interdisciplinary award for research that has demonstrably improved the lives of people with disabilities.



A Seat at the Table:

A CFPDP project to increase the representation of qualified professionals with disabilities on Canada's public company boards.

Endowment Funds:

We have generated nearly \$5 million in scholarships for students with disabilities across the country to help them become the leaders of tomorrow.



Canadian Helen Keller Centre:

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

Paralympic Sport: For 43 years the CFPDP has been an active and significant sponsor of Paralympic athletes and the Canadian Paralympic Committee.

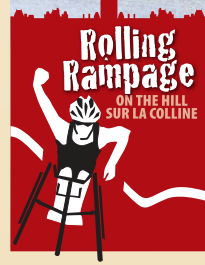
The WhyNot Marathon: CFPDP's epic 11,000 km national torch relay in 1996 enlisted 8,000 torch bearers and 150,000 runners in over 700 communities in support of the Paralympic Games.

The Eternal Flame of Hope: Ignited in 1996 by Governor General Roméo LeBlanc, the flame still burns in the public square of Toronto's Metro Hall as a permanent symbol of the disabled community's dreams and triumphs.



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.



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.