



# The Canadian Disability Hall of Fame

33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

THE FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL  
CONCERT HALL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

*11:30 a.m. – Reception*  
*12:00 p.m. – Luncheon / Awards*

***Presenting Sponsor***  
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***Inductees***  
TBA

***Fireside Chat***  
Hosted by Rob Snoek

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# CDHF

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 exceptional individuals 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 2026 following a meeting of the Selection Board, chaired by the Honourable David Crombie. The Hall of Fame was officially opened on February 11, 1994 at Metro Hall in downtown Toronto.

Over more than four decades, CFPDP has helped raise over \$85 million for Canadians with disabilities and the support and 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.



Canadian Disability Hall of Fame at Metro Hall

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



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



Founded by CFPDP, CHKC provides affordable, barrier-free housing, training and intervenor

services for people who are deafblind. In 2026, CHKC is opening its second apartment building in Toronto for people who are deafblind.

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

**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 disability community's dreams and triumphs.



The Eternal Flame of Hope

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

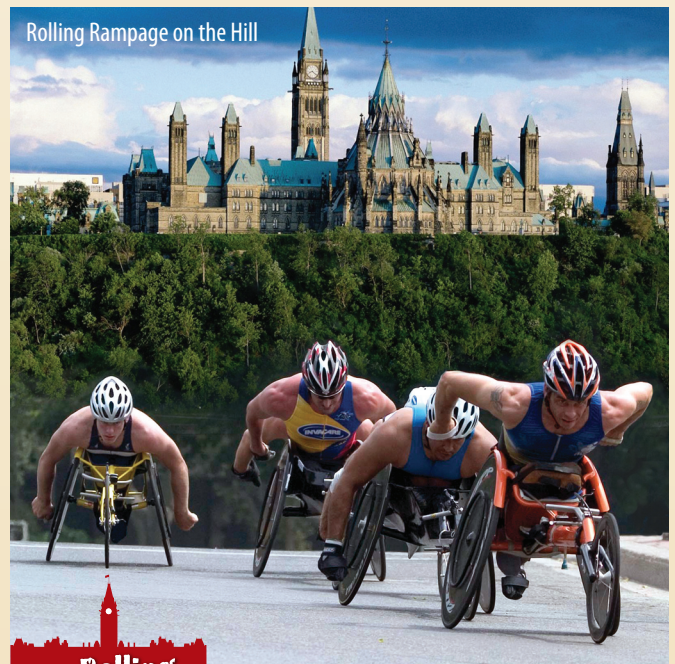
**WhyNot.** Published twice a year, WhyNot Magazine promotes the disability community's issues and achievements.



Paralympic athletes are honoured at the 42nd Annual Great Valentine Gala in 2026



Rendering of the new 56-unit CHKC building at 150 Eighth Street



Rolling Rampage on the Hill



**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.



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### Presenting Sponsor

\$30,000 **SOLD**

### Diamond Event Sponsor

\$25,000

- VIP seating for two tables (16 tickets)
- Sponsorship of one table of eight for persons with disabilities + signage
- Logo in National Post ads
- One full-page, full-colour ad in WhyNot Magazine
- Logo in WhyNot Magazine
- Special recognition from the stage
- Recognition on event screens

### Gold Event Sponsor

\$15,000

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### Silver Event Sponsor

\$10,000

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- Sponsorship of attendance for four persons with disabilities
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### Bronze Event Sponsor

\$5,000

- Bronze seating for one table (eight tickets)
- Sponsorship of attendance for two persons with disabilities
- Logo in National Post ads
- Logo in WhyNot Magazine
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### Corporate Table of Eight

\$3,000

### Single Tickets

\$300

### WhyNot Magazine

Full-page, full-colour ad

\$2,500

Page Size Trim:

8 1/8" x 10 7/8"

Ad Deadline:

September 4, 2026

Electronic Material:

[robham@cfpdp.com](mailto:robham@cfpdp.com)



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- Silver Event Sponsor - \$10,000
- Corporate Table - \$3,000

### Single Tickets

- Number of tickets requested at \$300 per person \_\_\_\_\_ tickets x \$300 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Donations

- Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### WhyNot Magazine Advertising

- Full-page, full-colour ad @ \$2,500 (ad copy deadline date: September 4, 2026)

### Personal Information

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Name

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Title

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