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Mr
Founding Jumpstart Refugee Talent to help newcomers enter the job market

MSM
Toronto, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021
GH: 25 February 2021
GH: 07 December 2023
GH: 19 March 2024
DOI: 2016

RAMLI, Bassel

Mr
Founding Jumpstart Refugee Talent to help newcomers enter the job market

MSM
Toronto, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021
GH: 25 February 2021
GH: 07 December 2023
GH: 19 March 2024
DOI: 2016

SALAYMEH, Omar

Mr
Founding Jumpstart Refugee Talent to help newcomers enter the job market

MSM
Toronto, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021
GH: 25 February 2021
GH: 07 December 2023
GH: 19 March 2024
DOI: 2016

“For founding Jumpstart Refugee Talent to help newcomers enter the job market, become contributing citizens and start to rebuild their lives.”

“Mustafa Alio, Bassel Ramli and Omar Salaymeh started Jumpstart Refugee Talent, a refugee-led non-profit organization that connects refugees in the Greater Toronto Area with meaningful employment and entrepreneurial opportunities. By establishing early, culturally competent relationships with refugees, and by serving as a liaison with potential employers and investors, the group has grown to support many newcomers across Canada as they become contributing citizens and rebuild their lives.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

ALLARD, Pierre	MSM (Posthumous)	CG: 06 March 2021
Mr	Montréal, Quebec	GH: 25 February 2021
Co-founding the cultural organization ATSA, Quand l'art passe à l'action more Ecological World		GH: 07 December 2023
		GH: 19 March 2024
		DOI: 1998

ROY, Annie	MSM	CG: 06 March 2021
Ms	Montréal, Quebec	GH: 25 February 2021
Co-founding the cultural organization ATSA, Quand l'art passe à l'action more Ecological World		GH: 19 March 2024
		DOI: 1998

“For co-founding the cultural organization ATSA, Quand l'art passe à l'action, which seeks to create a fairer, more united and more ecological world through art.”

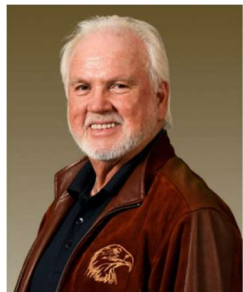
“Annie Roy and Pierre Allard were the driving forces behind the creation of the cultural organization ATSA, Quand l'art passe à l'action. Using art as a tool for interaction and popular education, they have created a space for connection and discussion. Through ATSA, they have initiated thought-provoking exchanges on such themes as exclusion and social inequalities, as well as on important environmental and heritage issues. Since the death of her spouse, Pierre Allard, Annie Roy has continued with ATSA's work.”



Pierre died on 25 November 2018 in Montreal. Annie Roy was his wife.



AUGUSTINE, Roger J.	ONB MSM	CG: 06 March 2021
Mr	Eel Ground First Nation, New Brunswick	GH: 25 February 2021
Creating the Rising Sun Treatment Centre that focus on alcohol and drug-free lifestyles		GH: 07 December 2023
		DOI: 1988



“For creating the Rising Sun Treatment Centre, which offers programs that focus on alcohol- and drug-free lifestyles”.

“Former chief Roger Augustine showed strong visionary leadership in working to reduce drug and alcohol addiction in his community. He was the driving force in the founding of the Rising Sun Treatment Centre, and is known as a leader who has made enormous strides in dealing with addiction by introducing a new curriculum for the Eel Ground Federal School and by his tenure as past chair of the National Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board.”



Chief Roger Augustine is a Mi'kmaq from the Province of New Brunswick, and is currently the Regional Chief for NB/PEI, Assembly of First Nations (AFN). Awarded the **Order of New Brunswick (ONB)** in 2014 for his efforts in improving the well-being of First Nations communities as well as strengthening the relationships between aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

ALLEN, Stephen MSM CG: 06 March 2021
Father York, Prince Edward Island GH: 25 February 2021
Creating Santa's Angels, an organization that distributes care packages, food hampers at Christmas DOI: 2004

WRIGHT, Don MSM CG: 06 March 2021:
Mr Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island GH: 25 February 2021
Creating Santa's Angels, an organization that distributes care packages, food hampers at Christmas DOI: 2004

ZAKEM, Ken MSM CG: 06 March 2021
Mr Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island GH: 25 February 2021
Creating Santa's Angels, an organization that distributes care packages, food hampers at Christmas DOI: 2004

“For creating Santa's Angels, an organization that distributes care packages, food hampers and toys to hundreds of homes on Christmas morning.”



Ken Zakem

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BADRAN, Yahya Mr Creating Lufa Farms, an agriculture business that provides Montréal residents with fresh produce	MSM Terrebonne, Quebec	CG: 06 March 2021 GH: 25 February 2021 GH: 07 December 2023 GH: 19 March 2024 DOI: 2009
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LYNN, Kurt D. Mr Creating Lufa Farms, an agriculture business that provides Montréal residents with fresh produce	MSM (Posthumous) Gores Landing, Ontario	CG: 06 March 2021 GH: 25 February 2021 DOI: 2009
RATHMELL, Lauren Elizabeth Ms Creating Lufa Farms, an agriculture business that provides Montréal residents with fresh produce	MSM Montréal, Quebec	CG: 06 March 2021 GH: 25 February 2021 DOI: 2009

“For creating Lufa Farms, an innovative agriculture business that provides Montréal residents with fresh produce from the world’s first commercial rooftop greenhouse.”

“Yahya Badran, Mohamed Hage, Kurt Lynn and Lauren Rathmell created the innovative agriculture business Lufa Farms. Since launching the world’s first commercial rooftop greenhouse, the enterprise has expanded to include four greenhouses serving more than 20 000 clients a week. Customizable produce baskets can be ordered, assembled and delivered through the Farms’ unique online ordering platform and logistics software. Lufa Farms benefits the local economy, helps to reduce the city’s urban heat island effect, and improves food security for Montréal residents by enhancing their access to fresh, local food.”

Lufa Farms built the world’s first commercial rooftop greenhouse on an industrial building in Montreal, Quebec, to prove that high-yield, year-round farming is a smarter, more sustainable, and commercially viable way to feed cities. Since then, we’ve built new and bigger and better rooftop greenhouses, to grow more and more vegetables. The team started to plan in 2009, first construction in 2010, planted seedlings in 2011 and harvested their first crop.



Yahya Badran, MSM Kurt Lynn, MSM Lauren Rathmell, MSM Mohamed Hage, MSM
Lufa Farms

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BATEMAN, Carolyn Elsie Louise OPEI MSM CG: 06 March 2021
Ms Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island GH: 25 February 2021
Creating the Autism Society of Prince Edward Island and the Stars for Life Foundation for Autism GH: 07 December 2023
GH: 19 March 2024
DOI: 2002

HOFFMAN te RAA, Joan Elaine MSM (Posthumous) CG: 06 March 2021
Ms York, Prince Edward Island GH: 25 February 2021
Creating the Autism Society of Prince Edward Island and the Stars for Life Foundation for Autism GH: 07 December 2023
GH: 19 March 2024
DOI: 2002

“For creating the Autism Society of Prince Edward Island and the Stars for Life Foundation for Autism to support family members, professionals and individuals affected by autism.”

“Carolyn Bateman and the late Joan Hoffman te Raa were trailblazers in supporting and advocating for individuals with autism in P.E.I. The two women established the Autism Society of Prince Edward Island for school-age children and their families; a few years later, they launched the Stars for Life Foundation for Autism to aid in the transition to adulthood and independent living. The network of support they created continues to enhance local services for individuals on the autism spectrum.”

Carolyn Elsie Louise Bateman, MSM



Joan Elaine Te Raa (nee Hoffman)



died on 24 January 2006.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BEGG-BROOKS, Betty

Ms

Founding Gifts from the Heart, a charity that collects food, clothing, etc.

MSM

Charlottetown, PEI

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021 & 07/12/23

GH: 19 March 2024

DOI: September 2019

“For founding Gifts from the Heart, a local charity that collects food, clothing and household items for re-distribution to people in need.”

“Betty Begg-Brooks is the founder of Gifts from the Heart, a P.E.I. charity that collects food, clothing and household items to re-distribute to people in need. From its beginnings in her own home, the organization has expanded to a commercial location with a free delivery service. Her non-judgmental approach to giving people a leg up in tough times has made her ever-growing endeavour a cherished and indispensable part of her community.”



BENOÎT, Elyse

Ms

Founding La maison Mathieu-Froment-Savoie for palliative care in the Outaouais

MSM

Gatineau, Quebec

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

GH: 07 December 2023

GH: 19 March 2024

DOI: 25 January 1993

BOUVETTE, Maryse

Ms

Founding La maison Mathieu-Froment-Savoie for palliative care in the Outaouais

MSM

Gatineau, Quebec

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021 & 07/12/23

DOI: 25 January 1993

DELISLE, Isabelle

Ms

Founding La maison Mathieu-Froment-Savoie for palliative care in the Outaouais

MSM (Posthumous)

Gatineau, Quebec

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021 & 07/12/23

DOI: 25 January 1993

FITZBACK, Suzanne

Ms

Founding La maison Mathieu-Froment-Savoie for palliative care in the Outaouais

MSM

Gatineau, Quebec

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021 & 07/12/23

DOI: 25 January 1993

GENDRON, Robert

Dr

Founding La maison Mathieu-Froment-Savoie for palliative care in the Outaouais

MSM

Gatineau, Quebec

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021 & 07/12/23

DOI: 25 January 1993

“For founding La maison Mathieu-Froment-Savoie, a vital link in palliative care in the Outaouais.”

“Élise Benoît, Maryse Bouvette, Isabelle Delisle, Suzanne Fitzback and Robert Gendron were instrumental in the creation of La maison Mathieu-Froment-Savoie, a vital link in palliative care in the Outaouais. The first of its kind in the region, this institution supports people at the end of life and their families so that they can live their final moments as peacefully as possible with respect, dignity and compassion.”



Maryse Bouvette

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BIANCHINI PURVIS, Maureen

AOE MSM
Edmonton, Alberta

CG: 06 March 2021
GH: 25 February 2021

Ms
Creating No Stone Left Alone to engage school children in honouring the sacrifices of Canada's vets DOI: 2011



"For creating No Stone Left Alone, a project that engages school children in honouring the sacrifices of Canada's veterans by placing poppies on headstones each November."

"Maureen Bianchini Purvis created No Stone Left Alone, a project that engages school children in honouring the sacrifices of Canada's military members. Each November, students learn about veterans whose graves are in local cemeteries and then place poppies on the headstones during a remembrance ceremony. The program has spread across the nation, inspiring youth, families and educators to celebrate the women and men who have served our country."

Awarded **Alberta Order of Excellence (AOE)** in 2022.

Maureen Bianchini Purvis says inspiration for the project came from her late mother Lillian Mary Bianchini (Nee Hidson), who served with the Canadian Women's Army Corps in the Second World War.

Sgt Lillian Mary Bianchini, CWAC
(above)



Maureen Bianchini-Purvis, MSM (right)



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BILLARD, April

Ms Channel-Port aux Basques, Newfoundland and Labrador
Starting the Autism Involves Me group to support parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

MSM

CG: 06 March 2021
GH: 25 February 2021
GH: 19 March 2024
DOI: 2013

CHAISSON, Joan Bell

Ms Channel-Port aux Basques, Newfoundland and Labrador
Starting the Autism Involves Me group to support parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

MSM

CG: 06 March 2021
GH: 25 February 2021
GH: 19 March 2024
DOI: 2013

“For starting the Autism Involves Me group to support parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and to better integrate those with ASD into the community.”



April Billard, MSM

Joan Chaisson, MSM

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BOOKMAN, Dana
Ms

MSM
Toronto, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021
GH: 25 February 2021
GH: 07 December 2023
GH: 19 March 2024
DOI: 2016

Founding Canadian Girls Baseball and expansion of Women's & Girl's Baseball Leagues in Canada

"For founding Canadian Girls Baseball and championing the expansion of women's and girls' baseball leagues in Canada."

"Canadian Girls Baseball founder Dana Bookman started the league when her young daughter wanted to play baseball, instead of softball, with other girls. After exponential growth, the program has hundreds of participants each year, and provides many coaching and umpire opportunities for women. A source of encouragement and advice for female leagues in other regions, she has been a driving force in the expansion of women's and girls' baseball in Canada."

In 2016, when my daughter was 6 years old, she joined a local baseball program and was the only girl among 400 players her age. The administrator told me to tell me daughter she was so brave. It occurred to me – why should a girl need to be brave to play a sport she loves. My daughter played the season out and held her own, but she didn't love the social experience of being the only girl. When that season ended and my daughter said she didn't want to play anymore, I wouldn't let her give up. We decided to invite some friends to play at the local diamond. Word spread and 44 girls showed up. We did the same thing a year later and 350 girls came out to play. That's when I knew this was about way more than my daughter. It was missing on a much larger scale.



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BOURGOIN, Clarence

MSM

CG: 06 March 2021

Mr

Saint-Léonard, New Brunswick

GH: 25 February 2021

Creating Rendez-vous des artistes symposium showcasing painting & sculpture Atlantic Canada

GH: 07 December 2023

GH: 19 March 2024

DOI: 2004

“For creating the Rendez-vous des artistes symposium, which showcases painting and sculpture in Atlantic Canada.”

“Creator of the Rendez-vous des artistes symposium, painter Clarence Bourgoin has played a leading role in supporting the painting and sculpting arts in Canada’s Atlantic provinces. A major economic driver for the small community of Saint-Léonard, New Brunswick, this symposium raises the profile of local artists while introducing art and culture to young people in the area.”



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BROADBENT, Alan

CM MSM

CG: 06 March 2021

Mr

Toronto, Ontario

GH: 25 February 2021

Founding the Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation to reduce the barriers for participation

DOI: 2011

BRYAN, Scott

MSM

CG: 06 March 2021

Mr

Toronto, Ontario

GH: 25 February 2021

Founding the Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation to reduce the barriers for participation

DOI: 2011

DI NARDO, William

MSM

CG: 06 March 2021

Mr

Toronto, Ontario

GH: 25 February 2021

Founding the Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation to reduce the barriers for participation

DOI: 2011

“For founding the Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation to reduce the financial, geographical and cultural barriers preventing youth from participating in the sport.”



Alan Broadbent, MSM



Scott Bryan, MSM



Bill Di Nardo, MSM



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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BROOKS, William MSM CG: 06 March 2021
 Dr - psychologist Lunenburg, Nova Scotia GH: 25 February 2021
 Creating the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation to honour firefighters who die in the line of duty DOI: 2002
 Will was responsible for creating the Critical Incident Stress Management Program for Fire Fighters.

POTVIN, Georges Edward MSM CG: 06 March 2021
 Inspector – Ottawa Fire Department Gatineau, Quebec GH: 25 February 2021
 Creating the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation to honour firefighters who die in the line of duty DOI: 2002

WILLIAMS, William Frederick George MSM CG: 06 March 2021
 Mr Greely, Ontario GH: 25 February 2021
 Creating the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation to honour firefighters who die in the line of duty DOI: 2002



“For creating the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation, which honours firefighters who have died in the line of duty and provides support for their families.”

Inspector Georges Potvin, MSM



William Brooks, MSM

Added June 2025

BARNES, Gary Charles MSM Awarded: 25 June 2025
 Firefighter – Gatineau Fire Department Gatineau, Quebec GH: 25 June 2025 received
 One of the founders of the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation DOI: 28 May 2003
 Invested: 25 June 2020

CALVET, Didier MSM CG: 06 March 2021
 Mr Montréal, Quebec GH: 25 February 2021
 Founding the Association pour la création littéraire chez les jeunes DOI: 2003

“For founding the Association pour la création littéraire chez les jeunes, which disseminates children’s and young adult literature across the international Francophonie.”

“Didier Calvet founded the Association pour la création littéraire chez les jeunes with a mission to disseminate children’s and young adult literature across the international Francophonie. Through an Internet platform offering opportunities for intercultural and intergenerational exchanges, he has highlighted the literary creations of thousands of youths. In so doing, he has helped to reduce school dropout rates, combat illiteracy and celebrate the richness of the French language.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

CARON, Claude

MSM

CG: 06 March 2021

Mr

Longueuil, Quebec

GH: 25 February 2021

Founding L'Antre-temps Longueuil, a shelter working to overcome social exclusion among youth

GH: 07 December 2023

GH: 19 March 2024

DOI: 01 September 1996

“For founding L'Antre-temps Longueuil, a shelter working to overcome social exclusion among youth.”

“Claude Caron founded L'Antre-temps Longueuil, a medium-term and emergency shelter offering room and board to homeless youth, and helped to create a provincial shelter network. His efforts to combat exclusion among youth have made him an agent of change and a model of solidarity and generosity toward the most vulnerable members of society.”

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CASE, Roland

MSM

CG: 06 March 2021

Mr

Vancouver, British Columbia

GH: 25 February 2021

Leadership at The Critical Thinking Consortium promoting critical thinking in teaching and learning

GH: 07 December 2023

GH: 19 March 2024

DOI: November 1993

“For his many years of leadership at The Critical Thinking Consortium, and for promoting the importance of critical thinking in teaching and learning.”

“Roland Case, one of the founders of The Critical Thinking Consortium, has been instrumental in promoting critical thinking as an essential part of education. Under his leadership, the non-profit organization published award-winning resources, developed methodologies, and worked with educators across Canada and around the world to inspire and engage learners of all ages. His advancement of an increasingly important skill is encouraging young Canadians to grow into thoughtful, socially responsible citizens.”



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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

CASE, Stephanie

Ms

Founding Free to Run, outdoor sport and leadership training to women and girls in conflict zones

MSM

Chamonix, France

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

GH: 07 December 2023

DOI: 2014

“For founding Free to Run, which brings outdoor sport and leadership training to women and girls in conflict zones.”

“Stephanie Case founded Free to Run, a non-profit organization that provides women and girls in areas of conflict with access to outdoor adventure sports and life skills training. The programs foster their development as community leaders who reach across cultural, religious and ethnic divides in order to change attitudes about their roles in society. Currently operating in Afghanistan and Iraq, the program encourages female participants to safely and boldly reclaim public space.”

Stephanie Case (BA(H), JD, LL.M), an avid ultra-runner, is a human rights lawyer and women’s rights advocate with expertise in conflict settings and humanitarian emergencies. In 2009, she gave up a career in corporate law to assist some of the world’s most vulnerable populations. She has since worked for the UN in Afghanistan, the International Rescue Committee in South Sudan, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Kyrgyzstan, and the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Gaza, Palestine. Today Stephanie is back in Kabul, working for the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.



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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

CHALMERS-GAUVIN, Susan
Ms
Co-founding Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada

ONB MSM
Moncton, New Brunswick

CG: 06 March 2021
GH: 25 February 2021
DOI: 2001

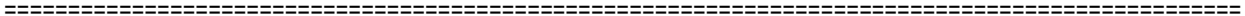
DOBROVOLSKIY, Igor
Mr
Co-founding Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada

MSM
Moncton, New Brunswick

CG: 06 March 2021
GH: 25 February 2021
DOI: 2001

“For co-founding Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada, which raises the profile of Canadian ballet both here in Canada and abroad.”

“Founders of Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada, Susan Chalmers-Gauvin and Igor Dobrovolskiy have helped to foster the development and innovation of ballet in Atlantic Canada, in addition to supporting emerging talent. The company has raised the profile of Canadian ballet abroad, while here at home, its stage performances have been created to initiate broad community dialogue on such issues as violence against women, diversity and social inclusion.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

CLEMONS, Diane Lee

Ms

For providing marginalized youth better access to education through the Pinball Clemons Foundation DOI: 13 June 2006

OOnt MSM

Mississauga, Ontario

Received MSM: 25 June 2025

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

“Diane Clemons and Michael “Pinball” Clemons are the driving force behind the Pinball Clemons Foundation, which empowers youth through education. By partnering with charities in the Toronto area and in developing countries, the organization provides financial assistance to students in need and mentoring programs to help them transition into the workforce. The couple’s personal involvement and infectious enthusiasm inspire many participants to succeed in moving from the margins to the mainstream.”

CLEMONS, Michael (“Pinball”)

Mr – Toronto Argonauts Football Team

For providing marginalized youth better access to education through the Pinball Clemons Foundation DOI: 13 June 2006

MSM

Mississauga, Ontario

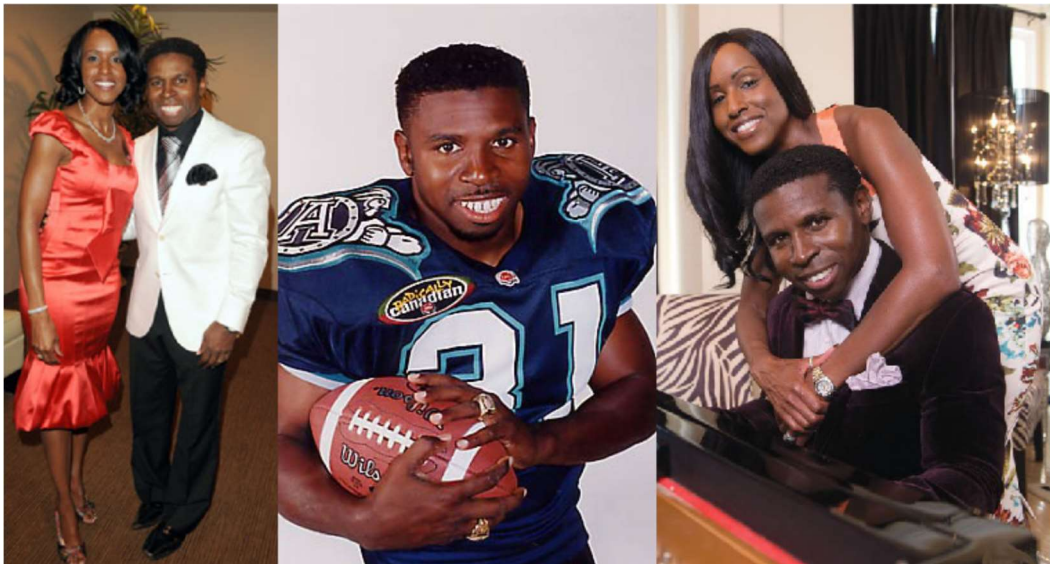
Received MSM: 25 June 2025

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

“For providing marginalized youth with better access to education through the Pinball Clemons Foundation.”

“Diane Clemons and Michael “Pinball” Clemons are the driving force behind the Pinball Clemons Foundation, which empowers youth through education. By partnering with charities in the Toronto area and in developing countries, the organization provides financial assistance to students in need and mentoring programs to help them transition into the workforce. The couple’s personal involvement and infectious enthusiasm inspire many participants to succeed in moving from the margins to the mainstream.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

CHRISTENSEN, Shannon

Ms

Founding Mamas for Mamas that helps mothers, caregivers and families in need

MSM

Kelowna, British Columbia

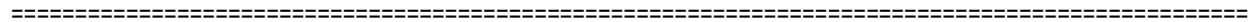
CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2015

“For founding Mamas for Mamas, a charitable organization that helps mothers, caregivers and families in need.”

“Shannon Christensen is the founder and CEO of Mamas for Mamas, an organization that helps low-income families tackle poverty and maintain mental wellness. Emergency programs meet the immediate needs of mothers in crisis while ongoing support is offered through counselling, resource navigation, mentoring for teen moms, sustainable nourishment programs and on-line swaps. Equally important is the sense of community and belonging that welcomes moms and caregivers that need a helping hand.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

COUSINEAU, Jocelyn Dianne

Ms

Founding Paws Fur Thought, which pairs service dogs with veterans and first responders

MSM

Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

GH: 07 December 2023

DOI: 2013

COUSINEAU, Médric Léo Robert

Captain – Canadian Forces Helicopter Pilot 443 Sqd

Founding Paws Fur Thought, which pairs service dogs with veterans and first responders

SC MSM CD

Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

GH: 07 December 2023

DOI: 2013

“For founding Paws Fur Thought, which pairs service dogs with veterans and first responders affected by operational stress injuries.”

“Jocelyn and Médric Cousineau founded Paws Fur Thought to pair service dogs with veterans and first responders affected by operational stress injuries. After a wonderful dog named Thai came into Médric’s life to help him cope with PTSD symptoms, the couple wanted to give the same opportunity to others. Their organization has raised funds to train and deploy 100 dogs so far, and continues to advocate for service dog standards and for people dealing with operational stress injuries.”

Awarded **Star of Courage (SC)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 28 November 1987 in the Rank of Lieutenant, Canadian Forces for a rescue mission in a helicopter with 443 Squadron.

“On the night of October 6, 1986, Lt. Medric Cousineau, a member of the crew of a Canadian Armed Forces Search and Rescue helicopter, risked his life to rescue two seriously-injured crewmen from an American fishing boat. At the time of the rescue, it was dark and weather conditions were terrible, with rain, strong winds and heavy seas; and the deck of the boat, which was pitching and rolling continuously, was obscured by antennae, fishing apparatus and machinery. Fully aware of the hazardous conditions, Lt. Cousineau volunteered to be lowered to the deck of the vessel in order to move the injured men from the boat to the helicopter. On the first attempt he was thrown overboard when the boat pitched violently, but on a second attempt, although he fell into the sea, he managed to scramble aboard. He was able, despite the flying spray and the tremendous noise of the large helicopter hovering close overhead, to quickly organize the preparation and evacuation of the two injured crewmen. Had Lt. Cousineau not willingly put his own life in jeopardy, both of the injured men would certainly have died.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

DUBREUIL, Marie-France

Ms

Founding the Ice Academy of Montreal for the development of Canada's top ice dancers

MSM

Montréal, Quebec

Awarded 25 June 2025

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2008

LAUZON, Patrice

Mr

Founding the Ice Academy of Montreal for the development of Canada's top ice dancers

MSM

Montréal, Quebec

Awarded 25 June 2025

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2008

"For founding the Ice Academy of Montreal, which contributes to the development of Canada's and the world's top ice dancers."

"By creating the Regroupement élite de patinage artistique de Montréal in 2010, and the Ice Academy of Montréal, Marie-France Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon have influenced the development of the best ice dancers in Canada and the world. As coaches and choreographers, they have fine-tuned the style and programs of several skating pairs, guiding them to the very top of the Olympic podium. Since then, dozens of skaters from all over the world have converged on Montréal to perfect their art."

The duo represented Canada at the Olympic Winter Games in 2002 and 2006 and captured back-to-back silver medals at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships in 2006 and 2007. They also won Skate Canada International gold in 2006 and 2007. Dubreuil and Lauzon were married in 2008 and currently reside in Montreal. They were inducted into the Skate Canada Hall of Fame in the Athlete Category in 2017. they had to withdraw from the 2006 Winter Olympics after she suffered an injury from a fall during a lift attempt at the end of a program that required Lauzon to carry her off the ice afterward. They recovered to win the silver medal at the 2006 World Championships in Calgary, Alberta.



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

DUTCHER, Jeremy

MSM

CG: 06 March 2021

Mr

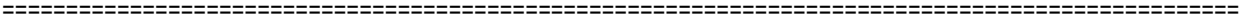
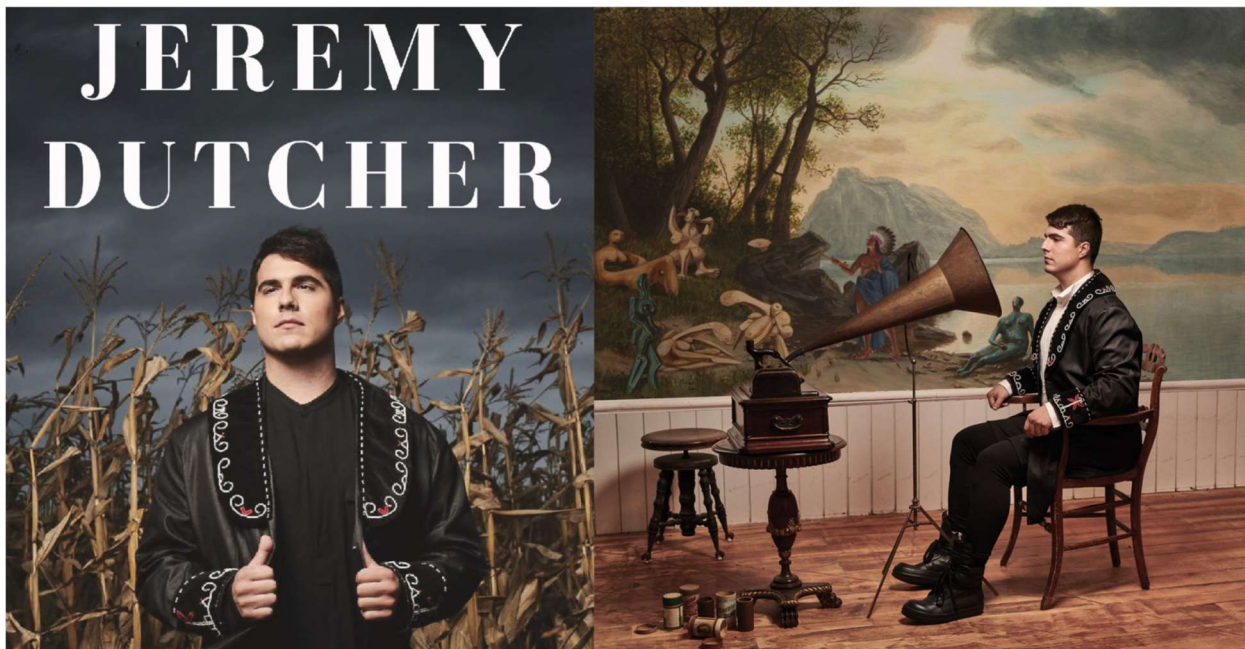
Montréal, Quebec

GH: 15 September 2021

For creating the album *Wolastoqiyik Lintuwakonawa*, fusion of traditional Wolastoq First Nation song DOI: 2018

“For creating the album *Wolastoqiyik Lintuwakonawa*, an innovative fusion of traditional Wolastoq First Nation songs, archival recordings and original, contemporary music.”

“Operatic tenor and ethnomusicologist Jeremy Dutcher created the evocative album *Wolastoqiyik Lintuwakonawa* with his people, the Wolastoqiyik First Nation—the People of the Beautiful River—at its centre. Guided by his nation’s song-carriers, he brought forgotten, century-old wax cylinder recordings of his ancestors to life through music, honouring the Wolastoq language. Challenging western musical structures, his artistry introduces the beauty of the language to a broader audience and raises awareness of its severely endangered status.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

DYCK, Marilyn L.

Ms

Founding The Doorway that helps street youth rejoin society and positive change in their lives

MSM

Calgary, Alberta

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

GH: 07 December 2023

DOI: 01 January 1988

“For founding The Doorway, a centre that helps street youth rejoin society and make lasting, positive change in their lives.”

“Marilyn Dyck co-founded The Doorway, a centre that, for more than 30 years, has helped Calgary street youth rejoin society and make lasting, positive changes in their lives. Using the My Plan method, youth control their level of engagement and define their own benchmarks for success by employing the key principles of self-determination, legal income, self-accountability and community.”



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FLEISCHER, Corey

Mr

Driving force behind the #Erasinghate initiative removal of thousands of hate graffiti tags worldwide

MSM

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

GH: 07 December 2023

DOI: 2009

“For being the driving force behind the #Erasinghate initiative, a citizen movement that has led to the removal of thousands of hate graffiti tags worldwide.”

“Corey Fleischer is the driving force behind the #Erasinghate initiative, a citizen movement that has led to the removal of thousands of hate graffiti tags worldwide. He is an inspiration to his thousands of social media followers, many of whom volunteer to remove such graffiti. He shares with them his vision for a better society, free of discrimination, where accepting others is essential.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

FORTIER, Jean-Martin

Mr

Pioneering role in the field of organic farming and in the development of micro-farms

MSM

Hemmingford, Quebec

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2015



“For his pioneering role in the field of organic farming and in the development of micro-farms.”

“An international pioneer of organic farming and micro farming, Jean-Martin Fortier has developed techniques to make small-scale farms profitable. He has demonstrated the viability of an unconventional model of farming to produce high-quality foods and is considered a leading authority by market farmers worldwide.”

Jean-Martin Fortier with his wife Maude-Hélène Desroches

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FOURNIER, Serge

Mr

Rebuilding the school pavilions of École Mark Bourque in Debussy, Haiti, after the 2010 earthquake

MSM

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2010

LESSARD, Robert

Mr

Rebuilding the school pavilions of École Mark Bourque in Debussy, Haiti, after the 2010 earthquake

MSM

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2010

MICHAUD, Jonathan

Firefighter – Montreal Fire Department

MSM

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2010

“For their role in rebuilding the school pavilions of École Mark Bourque in Debussy, Haiti, following the 2010 earthquake.”

“Rebuilding the school pavilions of École Mark Bourque in Debussy, Haiti, after the 2010 earthquake, Jonathan Michaud, Serge Fournier and Robert Lessard were the backbone of efforts to fund and rebuild the school pavilions of École Mark Bourque, in Debussy, Haiti. Devastated by the 2010 earthquake, this elementary school was rebuilt to give local students larger school infrastructures that are better adapted to their needs.”



In 2005, an RCMP police officer Mark Bourque, a Quebec City native, died on duty with the United Nations in Port-au-Prince during a peace mission. In 2006, a group of police officers, under supervision of Jean Rousselle, began construction of the school that now bears the name of the deceased. Since 2010, several groups, accompanied by Robert Lessard, Serge Dessureault, Jonathan Michaud, Serge Fournier and Jean-Pierre Danyoye, have followed one another in order to raise funds and make the school survive.

Firefighter Jonathan Michaud

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

GADOUAS, Réjean

Brother

Founding La Manne de l'île helping people in need in the Outaouais to achieve food security

MSM

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 1980

“For founding La Manne de l'île, an organization helping people in need in the Outaouais to achieve food security.”



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GAUTHIER, Larry

Mr

Founding The Men's Project to provide mental health services to male victims of sexual assault

MSM

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2000

GOODWIN, Rick

Mr

Founding The Men's Project to provide mental health services to male victims of sexual assault

MSM

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2000

“For founding The Men's Project, which provided mental health services to male victims of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse.”



Larry Gauthier Rick Goodwin

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

GEHRELS, James Adrian

MSM (Posthumous)

CG: 06 March 2021

Mr

Thunder Bay, Ontario

GH: 25 February 2021

Founding Lifewater Canada that brings clean drinking water and sanitation in developing countries

GH: 19 March 2024

DOI: 1997

STRONKS, Glenn C.

MSM

CG: 06 March 2021

Mr

Orillia, Ontario

GH: 25 February 2021

Founding Lifewater Canada that brings clean drinking water and sanitation in developing countries

GH: 19 March 2024

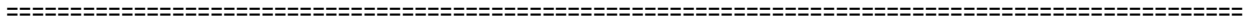
DOI: 1997



“Glenn Stronks and the late Jim Gehrels founded Lifewater Canada to bring clean water and adequate sanitation to communities in sub-Saharan Africa and Haiti. The organization empowers locals to construct wells and latrines that save lives and improve health, in addition to advancing girls’ education by freeing them from the arduous task of fetching water. Training in hygiene and equipment maintenance has brought sustainable change that interrupts a cycle of sickness and poverty for millions of people.”

“For founding Lifewater Canada, a charitable organization that brings clean drinking water and adequate sanitation to communities in developing countries.”

James Gehrels, MSM, died on 28 July 2020. (Shown on left)



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

GENEST, Isabelle	MSM	CG: 06 March 2021
Ms	Québec, Quebec	GH: 25 February 2021
Creating La grande journée des petits entrepreneurs to stimulate entrepreneurial culture in PQ youth		GH: 19 March 2024
		DOI: 2014

MORISSETTE, Catherine	MSM	CG: 06 March 2021
Ms	Québec, Quebec	GH: 25 February 2021
Creating La grande journée des petits entrepreneurs to stimulate entrepreneurial culture in PQ youth		GH: 19 March 2024
		DOI: 2014

OUELLET, Mathieu	MSM	CG: 06 March 2021
Mr	Québec, Quebec	GH: 25 February 2021
Creating La grande journée des petits entrepreneurs to stimulate entrepreneurial culture in PQ youth		GH: 19 March 2024
		DOI: 2014

“Mathieu Ouellet, Isabelle Genest and Catherine Morissette, creators of La grande journée des petits entrepreneurs, have kindled interest in entrepreneurship among thousands of youth. With this fun and educational initiative, young people from across the province have developed their creativity, sense of responsibility and independence through activities designed to boost entrepreneurial culture and vitality in Quebec.

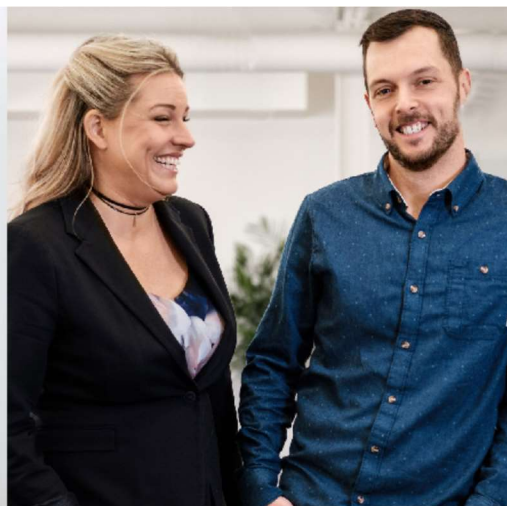
“For creating La grande journée des petits entrepreneurs, an initiative to stimulate entrepreneurial culture among Quebec youth.”

Catherine Morissette has been a lawyer in Quebec since May 2005. She became a member of Parliament for Charlesbourg to the National Assembly in March 2007. She returned to her law practice in 2009.

Isabelle Genest is Vice-President at Centraide Quebec and formerly Director of CAMP, Quebec's technology incubator-accelerator since its opening in 2015. Isabelle Genest has been involved in the entrepreneurial community of Quebec since 2004. After having owned her business in the music sector, she has, among other things, strengthened the entrepreneurial fabric of the province as Senior Director of Business Development at the Fondation de l'entrepreneuriat. She is a guest lecturer at the Hult Business School in San Francisco and Laval University, where she sits on the advisory committee of the Chair in Entrepreneurship and Innovation.



Catherine Morissette, MSM



Isabelle Genest, MSM Mathieu Ouellet, MSM

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

GINGRAS, Claude B.

Mr

Leadership as head of the Fondation franco-ontarienne, helping to improve its financial situation

OOnt MSM

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 1992 to 2012



“For his outstanding leadership as head of the Fondation franco-ontarienne, helping to improve its financial situation.”

Awarded the **Order of Ontario (OOnt)** in January 2014.

Chantel Gingras and Claude Gingras as Chantel replaces her father as the CEO of Ginsberg, Gingras and Associates, bankruptcy trustees.

GRUENIG, Art

Mr

Leadership in nature conservation through the protection and revival of vulnerable bird and turtle

MSM

Cranbrook, British Columbia

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 1994



“For his leadership in nature conservation through the protection and revival of vulnerable bird and turtle populations in the East Kootenay region.”

“Art Gruenig has devoted much of the past four decades to protecting and reviving vulnerable species in the East Kootenay region. Focusing on local populations of western and mountain bluebirds and western painted turtles, he has performed field work to provide safe nesting habitats and protection from predators. By educating interested groups, he has fostered awareness and engagement in nature conservation.”

Art Gruenig left

Presented on 21 May 2021 in a Virtual Ceremony

HUGHES, Robert

Mr

For guiding ASK Wellness Society through a major transformation focused stable housing solution

MSM

Kamloops, British Columbia

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

GH: 19 March 2024

DOI: November 2005



“For guiding ASK Wellness Society through a major transformation that focused on harm reduction and stable housing solutions for vulnerable individuals.”

“Bob Hughes, CEO of ASK Wellness Society, has guided the non-profit agency through a major transformation during the last decade. He has built effective partnerships with government agencies, business stakeholders and those with lived experience to increase support for people who are marginalized or homeless. His compassion has led ASK to focus on housing and harm reduction first, to help its clientele secure homes, jobs and better health.”

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

HUTCHINGS, Robert Mark

Colonel – Canadian Forces (Ret'd)

Creation of a monument to commemorate the 1917 Battle of Hill 70 in Loos en Gohelle, France

MSM CD

Kingston, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2011 to October 2019

“For spearheading the creation of a monument to commemorate the 1917 Battle of Hill 70 in Loos en Gohelle, France.”



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ISMAIL, Narmin

Ms

Spark of Hope Foundation to provide university scholarships to young women from foreign countries

MSM

Toronto Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2014

“Narmin Ismail established the Spark of Hope Foundation to provide university-level scholarships to young women from economically disadvantaged areas of the world who demonstrate strong leadership potential. Her efforts have already provided 175 scholarships at the bachelor’s, master’s, professional and Ph.D. levels, giving these young women leaders the opportunity to improve their lives and the lives of their families while accelerating the development of their communities and countries.”

“For establishing the Spark of Hope Foundation to provide university scholarships to young women from disadvantaged countries.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

KAULBACK, Brent

Mr

Development of educational material and books in the Indigenous languages of the N.W.T.

MSM

Summerland, British Columbia

CG: 06 March 2021

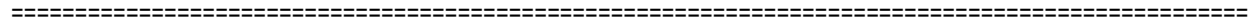
GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2006 to 2016



“For leading the development of educational material and books in the Indigenous languages of the Northwest Territories.”

“Educator Brent Kaulback led a project to publish more than 300 books in Indigenous languages for use in classrooms in the Northwest Territories. He worked with Elders and other community members to curate stories, legends and traditional teachings into illustrated books, as well as to create dictionaries in three languages. Accompanied by audio files demonstrating correct pronunciation, the collection serves as an integral part of the effort to preserve and revitalize Canada’s Indigenous languages.”



KWAN, Tim

Mr

Leadership in establishment of Mon Sheong Court for seniors in Toronto’s Chinese communities

MSM

Toronto Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2014



Congratulations

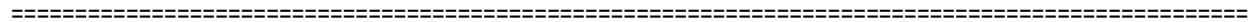
Tim Kwan

Chairman
Mon Sheong Foundation

Received
Governor General’s
Meritorious Services Medal



“For his leadership in the design and establishment of Mon Sheong Court, a series of culturally relevant residences for seniors in Toronto’s Chinese communities.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

LAURIER, Martine

Ms – retired Montreal Police Officer

Raising awareness of suicide prevention and mental health among Montréal police officers

MSM

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2018

MARTIN, Normand

Dr – Director of Aid Program

Raising awareness of suicide prevention and mental health among Montréal police officers

MSM

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2018

“For their outstanding work in raising awareness of suicide prevention and mental health among police officers in the Montréal community.”

Martine Laurier is a retired police officer who served for 29 years in the Montreal Police Service. During her police career, she developed Anxiety Disorder with difficulty adjusting. She had two suicidal attacks accompanied by hospitalization.

Normand Martin, PhD, is Director of the Aid Program for Police Officers of the Montreal Police Service (Service de Police de la Ville de Montréal).



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

LAZO, Pat MSM CG: 06 March 2021
 Mr Winnipeg, Manitoba GH: 25 February 2021
 Founding Graffiti Art Programming and Gallery to showcase Winnipeg's emerging artists DOI: June 1988

WILSON, Steve MSM CG: 06 March 2021
 Mr Winnipeg, Manitoba GH: 25 February 2021
 Founding Graffiti Art Programming and Gallery to showcase Winnipeg's emerging artists DOI: June 1988

“For founding Graffiti Art Programming and Gallery to showcase Winnipeg’s emerging artists and to engage inner-city youth in a range of art forms.”



Steve Wilson, MSM

Pat Lazlo, MSM

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LEAVITT, Brian MSM CG: 06 March 2021
 Mr Lacombe, Alberta GH: 25 February 2021
 Founding A Better World Canada that tackles poverty in the world’s most disadvantaged regions DOI: 1990

RAJAH, Eric AOE MSM CG: 06 March 2021
 Mr Lacombe, Alberta GH: 25 February 2021
 Founding A Better World Canada that tackles poverty in the world’s most disadvantaged regions DOI: 1990

“For founding A Better World Canada, a charitable organization that tackles poverty in some of the world’s most disadvantaged regions.”



Brian Leavitt, MSM

Eric Rajah receiving AOE

Eric Rajah, AOE, MSM

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

LEIGH, Patricia ('Patti')

OBC MSM

CG: 06 March 2021

Ms

West Vancouver, British Columbia

GH: 25 February 2021

Leadership as founding president and executive director of The Science Fair Foundation of BC

GH: 19 March 2024

DOI: 1980s to 2016

“Patti Leigh led and nurtured The Science Fair Foundation of B.C. from its beginnings in the 1980s until 2016. Her dedication and her ability to create partnerships with educational institutions, governments and technology companies gave hundreds of thousands of elementary and secondary school students the opportunity to showcase their research projects. Each year, participants, as well as hundreds of volunteers and judges, gain inspiration from networking, knowledge-sharing and exploring the wonders of science.”

“For her inspirational leadership as founding president and executive director of The Science Fair Foundation of BC.”



Patti received the **Order of British Columbia (OBC)** in 2010.

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LENNOX, Victoria

MSM

CG: 06 March 2021

Ms

Ottawa, Ontario

GH: 25 February 2021

Founding Startup Canada to unify and support Canada’s entrepreneurs

DOI: 2012

SZALANKIEWICZ, Cyprian

MSM

CG: 06 March 2021

Mr

Ottawa, Ontario

GH: 25 February 2021

Founding Startup Canada to unify and support Canada’s entrepreneurs

DOI: 2012

“For founding Startup Canada to unify and support Canada’s entrepreneurs, enhance economic development and build an environment for entrepreneurship in Canada.”

“Victoria Lennox and Cyprian Szalankiewicz founded Startup Canada to unite, support and provide a cohesive voice for Canada’s entrepreneurs. Through inclusive national and grassroots programs that unite entrepreneurs and build key competencies, Startup Canada has directly supported more than 350,000 entrepreneurs in 50 start-up communities, thereby enhancing economic development and building an environment for entrepreneurship in Canada.”



Awarded on 13 December 2021 by the Governor-General at Rideau Hall.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

McDONALD, Todd

Mr

Founding GIVETOLIVE – organizes and hosts sports events to raise funds for charity

MSM

Halifax, Nova Scotia

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

GH: 19 March 2024

DOI: 2008

WARD, Ashley

Ms

Founding GIVETOLIVE – organizes and hosts sports events to raise funds for charity

MSM

Halifax, Nova Scotia

CG: 06 March 2021

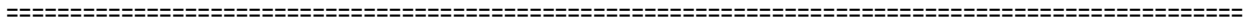
GH: 25 February 2021

GH: 19 March 2024

DOI: 2008

“For founding GIVETOLIVE, which organizes and hosts challenging sports events to raise funds for charity.”

“Todd McDonald and Ashley Ward are the founders of GIVETOLIVE, an organization that inspires people to exercise, be generous and achieve the extraordinary. Their challenges include The Big Ride long-distance bicycle trip, The Big Swim from New Brunswick to Prince Edward Island, and The Big Chill snowshoeing event. In the last decade, participants have raised several million dollars to support causes that include cancer charities, at-risk youth and a camp for chronically ill children.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

McKelvey, Bruce

Mr

Co-founding TRIP Canada that provides shelters for people from Tangalle, Sri Lanka

MSM

Toronto, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2005

McKelvey, Janet

Ms

Co-founding TRIP Canada that provides shelters for people from Tangalle, Sri Lanka

OOnt MSM

Toronto, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2005

“For co-founding TRIP Canada, a humanitarian organization that provides shelters and services to the people of Tangalle, Sri Lanka after the tsunami 26 December 2004.”



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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

MESLER, Steve MSM CG: 06 March 2021
 Mr Calgary, Alberta GH: 25 February 2021
 Creating Classroom Champions to help children succeed inside and outside the classroom DOI: 2009

PARISE, Leigh MSM CG: 06 March 2021
 Ms New York, NY, USA GH: 25 February 2021
 Creating Classroom Champions to help children succeed inside and outside the classroom DOI: 2009

“For creating Classroom Champions to help children succeed inside and outside the classroom.”

In the 2010 Olympics Steve won a gold medal (for the USA) in bobsledding. He and his sister Leigh Parise, decided to bring a handful of Olympic and Paralympic mentors into classrooms. The first stage of Classroom Champions was born, featuring one mentor (Steve) and nine classrooms scattered across the United States and Canada. Since then, Classroom Champions has grown exponentially and experienced incredible moments.



Leigh Mesler Parise has a PhD in education.

OGINA, Julia MSM CG: 06 March 2021
 Ms Cambridge Bay, Nunavut GH: 25 February 2021
 Protecting, promoting, and revitalizing Inuit culture, traditions, and language in the North DOI: 1996



“For her leadership in protecting, promoting and revitalizing Inuit culture, traditions, and language in her community and throughout the North.”

“Julia Ogina strives to protect and promote Inuit culture and traditions within northern communities in Canada and beyond. Through her role as program coordinator with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, she works towards revitalizing Inuit language and organized the Stories Told Through Drum Dance project, which brought traditional drum dancing and singing back to her community. She continues to lead a drum dance group, which has evolved from a handful of youth participants into a community-wide event.”

In 1996, she co-authored a book with the late anthropologist Richard G. Condon, called *The Northern Copper Inuit*, published by the University of Toronto Press. In 2019, Ogina also worked to produce the *Huqqullaarutit Unipkaangit* drum-dance songbook, published by Inhabit Media.



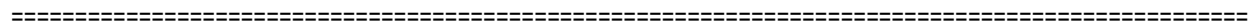
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

REDVERS, Kelvin	MSM	CG: 06 March 2021
Mr	Deninu K'ue First Nation, Northwest Territories	GH: 25 February 2021
Co-founding We Matter providing support, hope and life promotion for Indigenous youth		DOI: 2016

REDVERS, T'áncháy Sarah Judith	MSM	CG: 06 March 2021
Ms	Deninu K'ue First Nation, Northwest Territories	GH: 25 February 2021
Co-founding We Matter providing support, hope and life promotion for Indigenous youth		DOI: 2016

“For co-founding We Matter, a national non-profit organization that provides support, hope and life promotion for Indigenous youth experiencing hardships.”

“Siblings Kelvin and T'áncháy Redvers co-founded We Matter, a national Indigenous, youth-led, non-profit organization focused on Indigenous youth support, hope and life promotion. The organization's flagship project, the We Matter Campaign, receives and publishes thousands of videos, artwork and other online multimedia messages of love and inspiration intended for Indigenous youth experiencing hardships. The campaign has reached millions of people across Canada and beyond.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

SEMKULEY, Elaine Ruth Maxine Cormier	MSM	CG: 06 March 2021
Ms	Calgary, Alberta	GH: 25 February 2021
Founding Medical Mercy Canada providing support and humanitarian assistance to refugees		GH: 19 March 2024
		DOI: 1999

SEMKULEY, Myron	MSM	CG: 06 March 2021
Dr	Calgary, Alberta	GH: 25 February 2021
Founding Medical Mercy Canada providing support and humanitarian assistance to refugees		GH: 19 March 2024
		DOI: 1999



“For founding Medical Mercy Canada, a volunteer organization that provides support and humanitarian assistance to refugees and disadvantaged communities in Myanmar, Nepal and Ukraine.”

Elaine and Myron Semkuley founded Medical Mercy Canada, a volunteer organization that supports refugees, internally displaced people and marginalized communities in Myanmar, Nepal and Ukraine. Using their professional backgrounds in pharmacy and medicine, the pair have led teams of volunteers to provide health care, medical training, education and appropriate supplies to people in need, and have launched local initiatives that contribute to communities becoming self-sufficient.

Dr. Semkuley and Elaine met at University of Alberta and they married in 1963. **Dr. Semkuley** studied Medicine and acquired his M.D. in 1964. **Elaine Semkuley** acquired her degree in Pharmacy in 1962. They adopted four children and became natural parents to their 5th child.

SIMARD, Jacques-Denis	MSM	CG: 06 March 2021
Mr – ex R22eR and Sûreté du Québec	Québec, Quebec	GH: 25 February 2021
Founding La Vigile therapy centre to help members of the military/first responders with their trauma		DOI: November 1999

SIMONEAU, Jacques	MSM	CG: 06 March 2021
Mr	Québec, Quebec	GH: 25 February 2021
Founding La Vigile therapy centre to help members of the military/first responders with their trauma		DOI: November 1999

“For founding the La Vigile therapy centre, which helps members of the military and first responders who have experienced trauma in the course of their duties.”



Jacques Simoneau, MSM and Jacques-Denis Simard MSM

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

SIMPSON, William J. MSM QC CG: 06 March 2021
Mr Ottawa, Ontario GH: 25 February 2021
Leading the effort to have paralegals accredited and registered to provide legal services in Ontario DOI: May 2007

“For successfully leading the effort to have paralegals accredited and registered to provide legal services in Ontario.”

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SOUTHIN, Christopher MSM CG: 06 March 2021
Mr Thessalon, Ontario GH: 25 February 2021
Founding Rainbow Camp allowing LGBTQ2S+ youth a safe place to explore emerging identities DOI: 2010
Medal Presented 25 June 2025

STEWART, Harry J. MSM CG: 06 March 2021
Mr Thessalon, Ontario GH: 25 February 2021
Founding Rainbow Camp allowing LGBTQ2S+ youth a safe place to explore emerging identities DOI: 2010
Medal Presented 25 June 2025

“For founding Rainbow Camp, which gives LGBTQ2S+ youth a safe place to have fun and explore emerging identities while helping to change societal attitudes.”

“Christopher Southin and Harry Stewart founded Rainbow Camp® to give 2SLGBTQI+ and allied youth a safe place to have fun and explore emerging identities. Driven by their desire to promote greater inclusivity and acceptance in society, the pair has provided a unique camp experience to a growing number of attendees over the years, offering them a wealth of new resources, validation and increased self-confidence.”



Harry Stewart MSM and Christopher Southin MSM

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

STEVENS, Nancy

Ms

Founding Kenya Help, a charity that empowers the residents of Kenya to rise out of poverty

MSM

Kingston, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

GH: 19 March 2024

DOI: 2008



“For founding Kenya Help, a charity that empowers the residents of Kenya to rise out of poverty.”

“In 2008, Nancy Stevens founded Kenya Help, a charity aimed at making positive change for people in Kenya. Through fundraising campaigns, personal donations and partnership building, she finances income-generating businesses and guides organizations towards self-sustainability. Her projects, which focus on infrastructure, clean water, food supply and child sponsorship, continue to empower residents to improve their health and take the first steps towards rising out of poverty.”

TOOKENAY, Brent

Mr

Leading the Seven Generations Education Institute to increase participation of Indigenous students

MSM

Fort Francis, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 1985



“Brent Tookenay has been the CEO of the Seven Generations Education Institute since 2015. As its CEO, he helped established culturally appropriate supports to facilitate the increased participation and success of Indigenous students. By expanding the school’s services and programs, and creating new partnerships, he has helped advance the education, employability and future prospects of local youth, and enriched the community as a whole.”

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

WALSH, Marian

Ms

Leading the physical and strategic redesign of the Bridgepoint Active Healthcare facility

MSM

Toronto, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

GH: 19 March 2024

DOI: 2013

“For leading the physical and strategic redesign of the Bridgepoint Active Healthcare facility, resulting in improved patient care and outcomes.”

“Marian Walsh led the transformation of Toronto’s Riverdale Hospital into Bridgepoint Active Healthcare, now a part of Sinai Health. Her redesign of both physical and strategic elements resulted in an award-winning, state-of-the-art health care facility for patients requiring complex medical care and rehabilitation. The new Bridgepoint has dramatically improved patient outcomes and has had a significant impact on health care in the city and in Canada.”



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WILLIS, Marion

Ms

Founding St. Boniface Street Links offering support and services to individuals facing homelessness

MSM

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2015

“For founding St. Boniface Street Links to offer support and services to individuals facing homelessness or poverty in the St. Boniface neighbourhood of Winnipeg.”



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