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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

ALFREDSSON, Daniel

Mr

Captain of the Ottawa Senators NHL Hockey Team – Mental Health Campaign Ottawa

MSC

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 07 January 2017

GH: 23 November 2016

DOI: 2015

“As the face of the Royal Ottawa Foundation for Mental Health’s You Know Who I Am campaign, Daniel Alfredsson has used his star power to address the stigma surrounding mental illness. The former captain of the Ottawa Senators went public about his own experience with supporting a loved one who struggled with mental illness. He has challenged society to be more open about mental health issues and his ongoing commitment is an inspiration for many to seek the help they need.”

Born in Särö, Sweden, he **became a naturalized Canadian Citizen** on 20 September 2016. He played 17 seasons with the Ottawa Senators and 1 season with the Detroit Red Wings. His #11 jersey was retired by the Ottawa Senators in December 2016. His 426 goals, 682 assists and 1,108 points are all Ottawa Senator Franchise records. His 1,178 games is second only to Chris Phillips.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

ARNAQUQ-BARIL, Alethea Aggiuq

Ms

Founder Unikkaar Studio Inc. / Inuit Film Director

MSC

Iqaluit, Nunavut

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DOI: 2009



“The founder of Unikkaar Studio Inc., Alethea Arnauqu-Baril inspires Inuit communities to reconnect with their ancestral values and lost traditions through her many films. Considered one of Canada’s top female directors, she uses her films to document the Inuit language and culture in communities throughout Nunavut.”



BURRELL, Robert Edward

Professor – University of Alberta

Therapeutic Application Nanotechnology

MSC

Sherwood Park, Alberta

CG: 07 January 2017

GH: 06 December 2016

DOI: 1995



“Dr. Robert Edward Burrell developed the world’s first therapeutic medical application of nanotechnology: Acticoat, an antimicrobial barrier used to treat burns. Using nano-crystalline silver, these dressings have dramatically improved survival rates and recovery times for patients in burn units across the globe. This innovative technology is now being tested for use in other life-saving applications.”

He received the Governor General’s Innovation Award in the Inaugural Presentation on 28 April

2016.

He is the Canada Research Chair in Nanostructured Biomaterials and Chair of the Biomedical Engineering Department at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

COGHLAN, Jennifer

Ms – Wife of the Senior Officer Cdn Embassy South Sudan
Helped 300 Canadians leave the South Sudan when violence broke out

MSC
Ottawa

CG: 07 January 2017
GH: 21 June 2017
DOI: 2013

COGHLAN, Nicolas

Mr – Senior Canadian Representative to South Sudan
Helped 300 Canadians leave the South Sudan when violence broke out

MSC
Ottawa

CG: 07 January 2017
GH: 21 June 2017
DOI: December 2013

“In 2013, when Canadian Ambassador Nicholas Coghlan and his spouse Jennifer were posted to South Sudan, there was a sudden, violent ethnic uprising. After the Canadian embassy closed, the Coghlan family stayed behind, working from their truck outside of the Juba International Airport to help over 300 Canadians flee the country. As a result of their commitment, many lives were saved.”

Nicolas Coghlan was the head of the Canadian mission in Juba when violence erupted in December 2013. With 300 Canadians needing to evacuate, Coghlan quickly began negotiating for space on American, British and European flights. In the crushing heat, out of the office vehicle, under a Canadian flag, in the airport parking lot, he and his wife identified Canadians and got them on outbound flights. Even once evacuated to Kenya, he continued to arrange for the UN to move Canadians from remote hot spots. He regularly travelled to Juba to make sure the job got done. He and his wife returned South Sudan when the Embassy was reopened in 2014 and this time he was the Ambassador.



DELLAR, Teresa Barbara

Ms
Co-founded the West Island Palliative Care Residence

MSC
Dollard-Des Ormeaux, Quebec

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DOI: 2002

“Social worker Teresa Dellar co-founded the West Island Palliative Care Residence in 2002, the first facility in Montréal to offer end-of-life care in a residential setting. Her passionate leadership as executive director has resulted in stable funding for the non-profit foundation and a large expansion of the residence. The model of holistic care she created for patients and their families is now used in facilities across Canada.”



Autumn Philips and Peter Philips (Princess Anne's son) with Theresa Dellar



Theresa Dellar with Governor-General

CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

DiSABATINO, Jessica
Ms
Founder MySafeWork

MSC
Calgary, Alberta

CG: 07 January 2017
GH: 07 March 2017
DOI: February 1999

ELLIS, Robert Davis
Mr
Founder MySafeWork

MSC
Paris, Ontario

CG: 07 January 2017
GH: 07 March 2017
DOI: February 1999

“After losing a family member in a preventable workplace accident, Robert David Ellis and Jessica DiSabatino founded MySafeWork so that other young workers would know how to deal with unsafe situations in the workplace. Each year, they deliver presentations to over 100,000 students, employers and policy makers, empowering them to build a culture of safety in their industries.”

Jessica DiSabatino is the Vice-President of MySafeWork. She is also a teacher, preacher and advocate and works for Mission Canada, a national agency of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as well as with MySafeWork. Her husband, Dave, was the Executive Director of the Kerr Street Ministry in Oakville and is now the Lead pastor of the Church in the Hill, Kennedy Road Tabernacle in North Calgary. David and Jessica have four children. David and Jessica DiSabatino started the Rumble Kidz Urban Choir in inner Toronto when they lived there.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

FELDMANN, Heinrich Ulrich
Professor – Microbiology University of Manitoba
Developed Ebola Vaccine for outbreaks in West Africa

MSC
Hamilton, Montana, USA

CG: 07 January 2017
GH: 08 December 2017
DOI: 2016

KOBINGER, Gary P.
Dr
Treatment for Ebola / National Lab

OM MSC
Winnipeg, Manitoba

CG: 07 January 2017
GH: 08 December 2017

“Racing against time in response to the devastating Ebola outbreaks in West Africa, Heinrich Feldmann and Gary Kobinger developed the first effective vaccine and treatment used to protect front-line care providers. The vaccine has since proven highly effective, with a perfect track record of protection that has resulted in a major leap toward the eradication of this deadly virus.”

A Canadian-developed vaccine for the Ebola virus has proven to be extremely effective in a full-scale clinical trial, opening the possibility that future outbreaks of the disease can be successfully contained.

The trial, led by the World Health Organization, was staged in Guinea, a country that was ravaged by the Ebola epidemic that swept across West Africa in 2014-2015.



Dr. Gary Kobinger, OM MSM

Awarded the **Diamond Jubilee Medal** in 2012.

Awarded the **Order of Manitoba (OM)** in 2016 for his work as an Ebola Researcher at the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Meritorious Service Cross awarded to Heinrich Feldmann will be presented to him at a later date.

Heinz Feldmann graduated from medical school in 1987 (M.D.) and received his Ph.D. in 1988, both from the University of Marburg, Germany. His postdoctoral research was conducted in the field of virology (filoviruses and hantaviruses) at the Institute of Virology, University of Marburg, Germany, and the special pathogens branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, where he held a fellowship from the National Research Council. Following his postdoctoral training, he was as an assistant and associate professor with the Institute of Virology at the University of Marburg, Germany. During this time he was trained as an infectious disease specialist with a focus on laboratory diagnostics. From 1999 to 2008, Dr. Feldmann held the position of chief of the special pathogens program of the National Microbiology Laboratory, Public Health Agency of Canada. Since 2008, he has been the chief of Laboratory of Virology and the chief scientist at the RML BSL-4 laboratories. In addition, he is an associate professor with the department of medical microbiology, University of Manitoba. Dr. Feldmann is a laboratory expert on high containment viruses (BSL-4) and serves as a consultant on viral hemorrhagic fevers and related pathogens for the World Health Organization and, thus, has field experience and expertise in outbreak management. He is a member of national and international professional societies, and serves on the editorial board of several journals, as well as being an invited reviewer for multiple journals from related fields. Dr. Feldmann is an external scientific reviewer for national and international organizations and serves as a scientific consultant for high containment laboratories. His professional interest is in the pathogenesis of hemorrhagic fever viruses, such as filoviruses, arenaviruses and bunyaviruses, and other emerging viral pathogens (containment level BSL-3 and BSL-4) and the development of countermeasures against those pathogens.



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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

FORD, Peter Michael

Dr

HIV/AIDS Treatment in the Penitentiary System and in the Community

MSC

Mindemoya, Ontario

CG: 07 January 2017

GH: 21 June 2017

DOI: 1995 on



“Physician Peter Michael Ford is a determined advocate for effective and compassionate care, and a leading-edge researcher into the transmission of infectious diseases. At a time when HIV/AIDS was viewed with fear and stigma, he established the first clinic in Kingston to treat patients of the burgeoning epidemic. His professional, scientific approach led to positive change in HIV/AIDS treatment within the penitentiary system as well as in the larger community.”

GRAVES, Judy L.

Ms

Advocate for Homeless in Vancouver

CM MSC

Vancouver, B.C.

CG: 07 January 2017

GH: 19 March 2018

DOI: 1987

“Judy Graves designed and led the Vancouver Homeless Outreach Project, a program that helps homeless individuals secure a regular source of income and stable housing. Her model, based on compassion and respect, has changed how communities across the province approach homelessness and is the culmination of 30 years spent helping people living on the street to rebuild their lives.”

From 2010 to 2013, Graves was employed by the City of Vancouver as its official advocate for the homeless. Before that, she worked as its tenant-assistance coordinator. For more than three decades, Graves has been spotted walking Vancouver streets, often by herself and late at night, offering a helping hand to anybody she finds there in need of assistance.



In January 2014, the Vancouver recognized Graves' lifetime efforts in support of homeless people with the Freedom of the City award, its top honour. “Throughout her 33-year career with the City of Vancouver, Judy Graves cultivated caring connections with people living on the streets and in shelters and served as a tireless advocate on behalf of those marginalized by homelessness,” a city website reads. “Graves approached her work in a deeply personal way, walking the streets of Vancouver in all kinds of weather and at all hours of the night, reaching out to people living on the streets and listening to their stories, while helping them navigate the delicate process of rebuilding their lives.”

CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

KAUFMAN, Michael Professor – formerly York University White Ribbon Campaign – Boys to Pledge to never commit Violence against women	MSC Toronto, Ontario	CG: 07 January 2017 GH: 27 February 2017 DOI: November 1991
LAYTON, Jack (John Gilbert) The Honourable – Leader of the Opposition Parliament White Ribbon Campaign – Boys to Pledge to never commit Violence against women	MSC Toronto, Ontario	CG: 07 January 2017 GH: 27 February 2017 DOI: November 1991
SLUSER, Ronald Professor – George Brown College, Toronto White Ribbon Campaign – Boys to Pledge to never commit Violence against women	MSC Toronto, Ontario	CG: 07 January 2017 GH: 27 February 2017 DOI: November 1991

“Michael Kaufman, Jack Layton and Ron Sluser challenged negative concepts of masculinity by getting men to talk about gender equality. Their efforts sparked the White Ribbon Campaign, which encourages men and boys to pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls. Today, the movement has spread to 60 countries, and continues to promote a safe and equitable future by having fathers and other male role models talk to boys about respect and healthy relationships.”



Ronald Sluser Governor General Olivia Chow (Jack Layton's Wife)

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Michael Kaufman, MSC, PhD

Michael Kaufman is a public speaker, writer, and consultant, whose innovative approaches to engage men and boys in promoting gender equality and transforming men's lives has taken him around the world over the past three decades. He has worked extensively with the United Nations and with governments, non-governmental organizations, corporations, trade unions, and universities.

Michael is the co-founder of the White Ribbon Campaign, the largest effort in the world of men working to end violence against women. He is a senior fellow at Instituto Promundo (Washington D.C. and Rio de Janeiro) and co-writer of the *State of the Worlds' Fathers Report*.



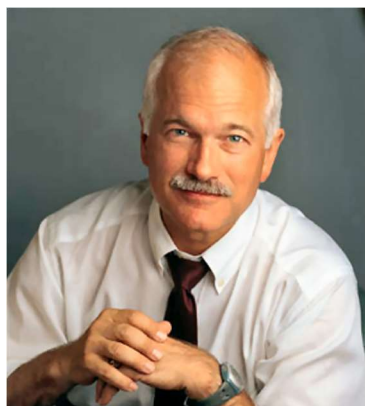
His work in the UN system, including with UN WOMEN, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNDP, IFAD, and UNESCO has taken him to New York, Rome, Paris, Beijing, Katmandu, Ankara, Geneva, Nairobi, Jakarta, and Delhi. He has worked with numerous NGOs including OXFAM, International Red Cross, Save the Children, and Amnesty International, as well as with governments on six continents. He wrote the training program on sexual harassment used by tens of thousands of staff at the United Nations. He is the author or editor of eight books on gender issues, on democracy and development studies, and an award-winning novel, *The Possibility of Dreaming on a Night Without Stars*. His most recent novel is the anti-war tale, *The Afghan Vampires Book Club*. His articles, which

have appeared in newspapers, magazines, and journals around the world, have been translated into Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, Italian, Finnish, Estonian, Russian, Persian, Chinese, Japanese, Hungarian, Turkish, and Arabic.

He has worked across Canada and the United States; in Europe (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Holland, Belgium, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Germany, Austria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Georgia, and Russia); Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico, Jamaica, Trinidad, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador); Africa (Namibia, Kenya, South Africa); Asia and Australia (Japan, China, South Korea, Philippines, India, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Nepal, Australia, New Zealand.)

Michael previously taught at York University in Toronto where he was Deputy Director of the Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean. He lives in Toronto, Canada, is married, and has a grown daughter and son. He received his MSC on 12 December 2017.

Jack LAYTON, PC, MSC, BA, MA, PhD



Jack Layton was born in Montréal on 18 July 1950 and died in Toronto on 22 August 2011. Jack graduated in political science from McGill University with a BA (1970) and from York University with an MA (1971) and a PhD (1984). His PhD thesis dealt with globalization. Layton taught at Ryerson Polytechnic, York University and the University of Toronto. Along with Olivia Chow, his wife and fellow councillor, Layton served as a Toronto city councillor (1982-1991 and 1994-2003) and was part of a coalition of NDPers and progressives. Layton placed second in the Toronto mayoralty race in 1991 and ran unsuccessfully as a federal NDP candidate for Parliament in 1993 and 1997. He served on the federal board of the Climate Change Protection Program (1998-2001) and as president of the Canadian Federation of Municipalities (2001-2002).

Jack was the leader of the federal New Democratic Party from 2003-2011, headed the first NDP party to sit as Canada's Official Opposition in the House of Commons. Despite having no seat in Parliament, Layton entered the 2003 federal NDP leadership race and won a convincing first-ballot victory over 5 rivals, including 3 sitting MPs becoming leader on 25 January 2003. In the 2004 election, the party almost doubled its votes and Jack won his seat in Toronto. The 2004-2005 Parliament was a minority Liberal government and the NDP were able to get some of their social and infrastructure programs funded. The same-sex marriage legislation was passed in this Parliament. In the 2006 election, Jack's wife Olivia Chow, was also elected to Parliament. They were both elected again in 2008. In February 2010, Jack Layton announced that he had prostate cancer. The minority Conservative government was defeated on a confidence motion in March 2011 and on 02 May 2011 won the NDP won their most seats in the House of Commons and became the Official Opposition. Unfortunately, while he campaigned very well in the election and took his place as the Leader of the Opposition, in July 2011 he had to take a temporary leave of his parliamentary duties and died on 22 August 2011.

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

LEE, Ting Yim

Professor – U. of Western Ontario School of Medicine
Algorithm to measure blood flow in people who have suffered a stroke or heart attack

MSC
London, Ontario

CG: 07 January 2017
GH: 27 February 2017
DOI: 2009

“Ting Yim Lee developed an algorithm to measure blood flow in people who have suffered a stroke or heart attack, or who are living with cancer. Marketed as software by General Electric, this major medical advancement has now been integrated into more than 8 000 medical imaging devices worldwide.”



LEFEBVRE, Monique

Ms
Launched Défi sportif AlterGo

MSC
Montréal, Quebec

CG: 07 January 2017
GH: 23 November 2016
DOI: 1984

“A lifelong advocate for people with disabilities, Monique Lefebvre launched Défi sportif AlterGo in 1984. For a week each year, Montréal welcomes thousands of athletes with disabilities to this international competition featuring dozens of sports disciplines. The event has become a proving ground for future Paralympians, and also shines a light on issues of inclusion and accessibility in the wider community.”



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

MALONEY, Joseph

Mr – International Brotherhood of Boilermakers
Helmets to Hardhats (H2H) for Veterans

MSC

Markham, Ont. / Washington, D.C.

CG: 07 January 2017

GH: 08 December 2017

DOI: 2003

“When labour leader Joseph Maloney saw soldiers being released after their service with limited job prospects, he created Helmets to Hardhats (H2H) in the United States in 2003. The program provides former service men and women with paid apprenticeships to help them transition to meaningful second careers. Building on this model, he founded H2H north of the border, which has benefited retired Canadian military members and their families.”

Joseph Maloney, MSC



Joseph Maloney is the International Vice President for all of Canada of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers. He previously served as International Vice President for Western Canada and assumed the jurisdictional responsibility for the entire nation upon the retirement of Eastern Canada Vice President Ed Power on July 1, 2014, by action of the International Executive Council.

Maloney was unanimously elected to the Executive Council in 2005 and reelected at the last two Consolidated Conventions, in 2006 and 2011. He joined Local 128 in 1974. As a graduate apprentice, Maloney worked as a fitter and rigger. He served Local 128 in numerous capacities from steward to president and finally as business manager. In 1991, he was appointed to serve as an International Rep for Eastern Canada. Two years later, he left the Brotherhood to work for the Building & Construction Trades Department (BCTD) in the Canadian office as Assistant to the Executive Secretary. In 1998, Maloney became the BCTD's Director of Canadian Affairs, and in 2000 he was elected to serve as BCTD Secretary-Treasurer under President Edward C. Sullivan.

While serving in that capacity, Maloney helped spearhead the U.S. Helmets to Hardhats (H2H) program, which seeks to transition military veterans to civilian jobs in the construction trades. As the Boilermakers' IVP for Western Canada, he also led the effort to bring the H2H program to Canada.



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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

ROLSTON, Norman John
Mr
Invented the Able Walker

OBC MSC CD
Langley, British Columbia

CG: 02 January 2017
GH: 06 December 2016
DOI: 1986

“Norman Rolston invented his Able Walker in 1986 to help his aunt, whose mobility was limited by arthritis. After witnessing the health benefits of this innovative walker, Mr. Rolston chose not to patent his invention so that it could be freely copied at need. He also donated many models to organizations assisting people with disabilities. Thanks to him, the Able Walker has restored independence and mobility to many people and improved their quality of life.”

Awarded the **Order of British Columbia (OBC)** in 2015.

His Citation reads:

Norman Rolston works as a counsellor, dedicated to the needs of those less fortunate than himself. His invention of the Able Walker has saved the taxpayers millions of dollars by giving many immobile individuals a way to be active for better mental and physical health.



Norman built his first walker for his aunt who suffered from arthritis. One day in 1986, while watching her trying to walk across the floor pushing a kitchen chair, he had an idea to attach wheels. His prototype walker included swivel casters for steering and hand brakes to give his aunt renewed freedom and independence.

The biggest challenge was overcoming the skepticism of the medical profession but Norman was undaunted. He met with the Surgeon General of the United States who thought highly of the invention. Following that meeting, the medical profession took a renewed interest in Norman's device. Doctors soon had patients who could never before attend their clinics come in with their Able Walkers, confident and mobile.

Unselfishly, Norman decided to gift his invention to the world by not patenting it. For this, he won the first Humanitarian of the Year Award presented by the International Society of Inventors.

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RYCROFT, Nicole

Ms

Executive director of Canopy to protect endangered forests

MSC

Vancouver, BC

CG: 07 January 2017

GH: 26 May 2022

DOI: 2001



“Social entrepreneur Nicole Rycroft is the founder and executive director of Canopy, which forges partnerships between governments, First Nations, environmental groups and forestry companies to protect endangered forests. From stickhandling conservation agreements to convincing publishers to print books on ecologically sustainable paper, she uses determination and diplomacy to engage business executives around the world in safeguarding biodiversity.”



WAFER, Mark

Mr – Owner of 7 Tim Horton Stores in Ontario

Employing Canadians with Disabilities in Management & Service Positions

MSC OMC

Collingwood, Ontario

CG: 07 January 2017

GH: 27 February 2017

DOI: 1995



“Mark Wafer has tackled the issue of high unemployment rates among disabled Canadians head-on. Since opening the first of seven Tim Horton’s stores, he has employed over 150 Canadians with disabilities in both management and customer service positions. His business model has proven fruitful in helping both his community and his bottom line. He now encourages other businesses to implement the same practices and to tap into this incredible talent pool.”



Mark Wafer was awarded the **Ontario Medal for Citizenship (OMC)** in November 2016 for his advocacy on hiring disabled Canadians.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

ABRAHAMS, Ron

Dr – Medical Director Perinatal Addictions BC Children's Hospital
New model of Health Care for Substance-Using Women and their Drug-Exposed Newborns

MSC

Vancouver, British Columbia

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 19 March 2018

DOI: 2005

PAYNE, Sarah

Ms – Fir Square Perinatal Addictions Program BC Children's Hospital
New model of Health Care for Substance-Using Women and their Drug-Exposed Newborns

MSC

Vancouver, British Columbia

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 19 March 2018

DOI: 2005

"Physician Ron Abrahams and midwife Sarah Payne created a new model of health care for substance-using women and their drug-exposed newborns. As the driving force behind the Fir Square Combined Care unit at BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre, they introduced a holistic, compassionate approach where mothers room with their infants from day one while receiving medical care, addiction counselling, parenting education and help finding housing."



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BAKER, John Allan

Mr
Founded Desire2Learn (now D2L) – a World Leader in the field of Education-based Software

MSC

Waterloo, Ontario

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 04 July 2018

DOI: 1999

"At the age of 21, John Baker recognized the potential of computer-based learning to revolutionize teaching practices. He founded Desire2Learn (now D2L), a company that has grown into a world leader in the field of education-based software. Thanks to his vision and perseverance, D2L's products now reach millions, facilitating communication between teachers and students, customizing course content and giving access to geographically remote learners."



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BOUVIER, Pierre Mr – Rock Band <i>Simple Plan</i> – Singer / Acoustic Guitar Helping Youth in Need through Philanthropy Community Involvement	MSC Encinitas, California, USA	CG: 01 July 2017 GH: 21 June 2017 DOI: 09 December 2005
COMEAU, Charles-André Mr – Rock Band <i>Simple Plan</i> – Drummer Helping Youth in Need through Philanthropy Community Involvement	MSC Toluca Lake, California (USA)	CG: 01 July 2017 GH: 21 June 2017 DOI: 09 December 2005
DESROSIERS, David Mr – Rock Band <i>Simple Plan</i> – Base Player Helping Youth in Need through Philanthropy Community Involvement	MSC Montréal, Quebec	CG: 01 July 2017 GH: 21 June 2017 DOI: 09 December 2005
LEFEBVRE, Sébastien Mr – Rock Band <i>Simple Plan</i> – Rhythm Guitarist Helping Youth in Need through Philanthropy Community Involvement	MSC Mont-Royal, Quebec	CG: 01 July 2017 GH: 21 June 2017 DOI: 09 December 2005
STINCO, Jean-François Mr – Rock Band <i>Simple Plan</i> – Lead Guitar Helping Youth in Need through Philanthropy Community Involvement	MSC Montréal, Quebec	CG: 01 July 2017 GH: 21 June 2017 DOI: 09 December 2005

“Through their foundation, the members of Simple Plan, a world-renowned rock band, have made it their mission to help youth in need. Appreciated for both their philanthropy and community involvement, they actively support numerous charitable projects, lending their star power and giving of their time, both in Canada and abroad.”

The Meritorious Service Cross presented to Mr. Desrosiers will be presented to him at a later date.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

CHAU, Thomas Tak Kin ("Tom") Professor – University of Toronto, Biomedical Engineering Created Virtual Music Instrument (VMI) at Toronto's Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab Hospital	MSC Toronto, Ontario	CG: 01 July 2017 GH: 08 December 2017 DOI: 2003
DUEZ, Pierre Mr – Software Engineer Holland Bloorview Kids Hospital	MSC Toronto, Ontario	CG: 01 July 2017 GH: 08 December 2017
LAMONT, Andrea Lorraine Ms – Music Therapist Holland Bloorview Kids Hospital	MSC Toronto, Ontario	CG: 01 July 2017 GH: 08 December 2017
WAN, Eric Mr – Computer Engineer Holland Bloorview Kids Hospital	MSC Scarborough, Ontario	CG: 01 July 2017 GH: 08 December 2017

"Tom Chau, Pierre Duez, Andrea Lamont and Eric Wan created the Virtual Music Instrument (VMI) at Toronto's Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. A software program that can be used with standard computer and video camera equipment, the VMI enables people with disabilities to experience the fulfillment of making music, often for the first time. Easily customizable, the program has been adapted for use by people of all ages with differing needs in many countries around the world."

Eric Wan, MSC

Called the Virtual Musical Instrument, the computer program enables almost anyone to make music – including people with any level of physical disability. The virtual instrument works with any standard computer and webcam. On the screen, budding musicians see their own image, on which are superimposed coloured shapes representing different notes, chords or entire bars of music. The camera captures movement over these shapes – whether it's the waving of an arm, nodding of the head or even blinking of an eye – and translates it into musical sounds, which can be programmed to sound like any of 128 instruments.

The invention combines Wan's two loves: computer programming and music. In 1996 he was a healthy, violin-playing, 18-year-old computer whiz when he suddenly developed transverse myelitis, an inflammation of the spinal cord's nerve sheath. Wan spent four months on life support before gradually learning to breathe consciously. He now uses a ventilator only at night.



Tom Chau Pierre Duez Andrea Lamot Eric Wan GG

Three years after becoming quadriplegic, Wan started taking computer-engineering courses part time at the University of Toronto. "I just did it out of interest, not to pursue a degree," he says. For many years, he has relied on a computer system with a head-tracking device. A camera on top of his screen tracks the movement of a sensor on his eyeglasses. Moving his head moves the cursor and lingering for more than a quarter of a second clicks it. "I'm able to control the mouse cursor as efficiently as a healthy person," says Wan. He graduated with a bachelor of applied science in 2010, 11 years after he began.

For his undergraduate thesis, Wan used a vocal sensing switch to allow people with severe physical disabilities to control a power wheelchair with their voice. For his master's degree, Wan is designing a new technology for people who are unable to move or speak that translates thoughts into functional activities, such as turning a light on or off or indicating yes or no.

But it's the virtual musical instrument that continues to make headlines. Last October, the four-member design team – senior scientist Tom Chau, music therapist Andrea Lamont and engineers Wan and Pierre Duez – travelled to Dearborn, Michigan, to receive the da Vinci award, the equivalent of an Oscar for adaptive and assistive technology. It was the first time Wan had been on a plane since coming to Canada from Hong Kong as a 10-year-old.

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

BEAL, A. Lynne

Dr
Research into Post-Traumatic Stress in veterans of the Second World War

MSC
Toronto, Ontario

CG: 06 January 2018
GH: 16 February 2018
DOI: Presented 2000



“Dr. A. Lynne Beal’s research into post-traumatic stress in veterans of the Second World War led to recognition of this condition by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Her determined advocacy resulted in affected veterans receiving pensions, appropriate treatment and counselling for their condition.”

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BIGRAS, Dan

Mr
Created Show du Refuge, benefit concert to help the Refuge des Jeunes homeless

MSC
Montréal, Quebec

CG: 01 July 2017
GH: 06 December 2017
DOI: 1990 to 2017



“A stalwart advocate for homeless youth, Dan Bigras created the Show du Refuge, a benefit concert to help fund the activities of the Refuge des Jeunes homeless shelter. Determined to raise awareness of the realities faced by those most in need, he has been tireless in working to change mentalities and improve the lives of thousands of disadvantaged youths”.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

CLARKE, Sandra Elizabeth

Ms - Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation
Developed CPR and Defibrillator Training Programs for High School Students

MSC

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 08 December 2017

DOI: 2013

MALONEY, Justin

Dr – Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation

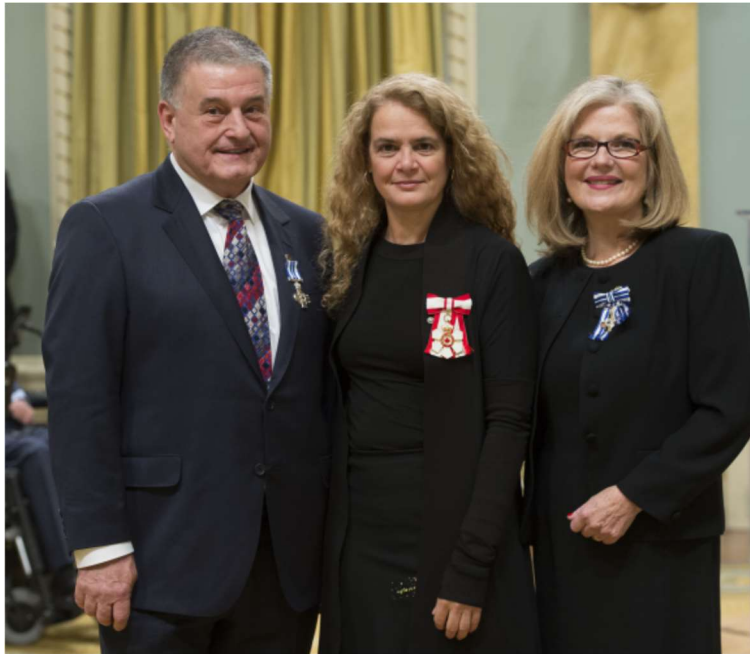
MSC

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 08 December 2017

“Through the Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation, Sandra Clarke and Dr. Justin Maloney developed CPR and defibrillator training programs for high school students. Across Canada, 3.8 million young people have attended the course, learning leadership, civic responsibility and what to do in an emergency.”



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

CÔTÉ, Michel Mr - Actor Guinness World Record in 2006 for the longest-running theatrical play - <i>Broue</i>	MSC Montréal, Quebec	CG: 01 July 2017 GH: 06 December 2017 DOI: 29 March 1979 to 21 March 2014
GAUTHIER, Marcel Mr	MSC Austin, Quebec	CG: 01 July 2017 GH: 06 December 2017
MESSIER, Marc Mr	OC MSC Montréal, Quebec	CG: 01 July 2017 GH: 06 December 2017

“Having earned a Guinness World Record in 2006 for the longest-running theatrical play with the same cast, Michel Côté, Marcel Gauthier and Marc Messier are undisputed ambassadors of Quebec theatre. With over 3 300 performances of *Broue*, a one-of-a-kind play reflecting Quebec popular culture, they have made us laugh and have introduced an entire generation to the wonderful world of theatre.”

Marc Messier was awarded the **Officer of the Order of Canada (OC)** in the **Governor General's List** of 30 July 2023 “For his long-standing contributions to Quebec's artistic and cultural landscape on stage and screen”.



Marc Messier

Marcel Gauthier

GG

Marcel Côté

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

ELLIOTT, Christine Janice

Ms – Wife of Jim Flaherty – Ontario OPP for Whitby
Founded Abilities Centre in Whitby

MSC
Whitby, Ontario

CG: 01 July 2017
GH: 08 December 2017
DOI: June 2012 (10 years Planning)

“Christine Elliott and the late Jim Flaherty founded Abilities Centre, a unique, world-class facility in Whitby that engages people of all ages and abilities in sports, the arts and personal growth activities. Thanks to their dedicated support, the centre has become a local and international example of inclusiveness where everyone can participate equally.”

FLAHERTY, James Michael

The Honourable – Finance Minister in Parliament
Founded Abilities Centre in Whitby

PC MSC
Posthumous
Whitby, Ontario

CG: 01 July 2017
GH: 08 December 2017
DOI: June 2012 (10 years Planning)

The Meritorious Services Cross awarded to the late Jim Flaherty were presented to his sons, John and Quinn Flaherty.

James Michael Flaherty, PC, MSC

Jim Flaherty was born on 30 December 1949 in Lachine, Quebec. He obtained his law degree at Osgoode Hall and practiced law for 20 members before moving to politics. Jim was the Member of Ontario Provincial Parliament for Whitby-Ajax from 1995 until 2005 serving as Ontario Provincial Minister of Finance from 2001 to 2002. Twice he unsuccessfully stood for the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party leadership. He moved to federal politics and won the riding of Whitby-Oshawa in the federal election of 23 January 2006 as a member of the Conservative Party of Canada. He was re-elected in 2008 and 2011 and served as Canada's federal Minister of Finance from 2006 to 2014. He resigned as Finance Minister on 18 March 2014 and died while a sitting MP on 10 April 2014. Jim Flaherty's widow, Christine Elliott, represented Whitby-Oshawa in the Ontario legislature until her resignation in August 2015.



Christine Janice Elliott, MSC

Elliott was born in Oshawa on 13 April 1955 and grew up in Whitby. She attended the University of Western Ontario received her Bachelor of Laws degree in 1978. She was called to the Ontario Bar in 1980 was a founding member and partner of the Whitby law firm *Flaherty Dow Elliott & McCarthy*, where she practised in real estate, corporate/commercial and estate law. In March 2006, Elliott ran as the Progressive Conservative candidate in the provincial riding of Whitby—Ajax in a by-election, replacing her husband who was elected to the federal Parliament. She was re-elected in 2007 in the redistributed riding of Whitby—Oshawa. She was re-elected in 2011 and 2014 and resigned in August 2015. She was the PC Party's Deputy Leader from 2009 to 2015. She had triplets in 1991 – three sons. From an interview when asked to tell a joke she told this one: “Jim would say he asked me: “In your wildest dreams, did you ever think I'd be finance minister of Canada? And I would reply, Jim, you aren't in my wildest dreams.”



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

GLEASON, Aileen

Sister
Creation of Hospitality House Refugee Ministry

MSC
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Deceased

CG: 07 July 2017
GH: 10 September 2019
DOI: 1992

"Known to Winnipeggers as "the patron saint of refugees," Sister Aileen Gleason was the driving force behind the creation of Hospitality House Refugee Ministry. Under her resourceful leadership, the organization grew into one of the country's leading sponsors of displaced persons, offering a warm welcome and support that have changed the lives of thousands of newcomers to Canada."



The decoration awarded to the late Sister Gleason was received by her representative, Sister Denise Kuyp.

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HENG, Daniel Yick Ching

Dr
Created the world's largest kidney cancer patient database

MSC
Calgary, Alberta

CG: 01 July 2017
GH: 22 March 2019
DOI: 2007 to 2017



"Internationally recognized leader in kidney cancer research, Dr. Daniel Heng created the world's largest kidney cancer patient database. Containing data from over 7,000 patients worldwide, this comprehensive analytical tool allows specialists to better diagnose and treat patients with the disease."

Dr. Heng is a Staff Medical Oncologist at the Tom Baker Cancer Center in Calgary, Alberta and a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Calgary. He received his MD from the University of Calgary and trained at the BC Cancer Agency and Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Institute. He has a Masters of Public Health from Harvard University and has a keen interest in outcomes, prognostic factors and clinical trials research in kidney, bladder, prostate and testicular cancers. He is the Chair of the Southern Alberta Genitourinary Tumor Group.

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

HANINGTON, Sandra Lynn

MSC

CG: 01 July 2017

Ms

GH: 16 February 2018

Jack.org / Spotlight and Youth Suicides

DOI: 01 May 2014

WINDELER, Eric Charles

MSC

CG: 01 July 2017

Mr

GH: 16 February 2018

Jack.org / Spotlight and Youth Suicides

DOI: 01 May 2014

“Following the loss of their son, Jack, to suicide, Sandra Hanington and Eric Windeler created the national charity Jack.org. Supported by a staff of 22, this national network of 2,500 young leaders raises Canadians’ awareness of mental health issues and helps high school, college and university students support one another, connect with services, dispel taboos surrounding mental health, and advocate for change.”



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

HERBERT, Peg
Ms
Founder of Help Lesotho

MSC
Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 01 July 2017
GH: 08 December 2017
DOI: 2004



“Peg Herbert is the founder and executive director of Help Lesotho, an organization dedicated to rebuilding a country devastated by HIV/AIDS. She created a model of support that combines education, grief counselling and gender equity programs to help youth and grandmothers—those most often left in charge of their households—become community leaders and role models for positive social change.”

It all began in 2000 with Sister Alice Mputsoe, a student from Lesotho in my graduate class in the Faculty of Education at the University of Ottawa, Canada. I had never heard of her beautiful country. In our many discussions, Sr. Alice taught me about her people and their suffering from AIDS, poverty and famine. At that time, Lesotho was on the verge of extinction – people were dying, children were orphaned, villages were forgotten and families were destroyed. Her tale of such suffering haunted me for years.

In 2004, I visited Lesotho and was heartbroken at the misery. I traveled for weeks high into the mountains, held workshops for hundreds of teachers, talked to thousands of children, and met with local chiefs, government officials, and the King of Lesotho. The courage and determination of the teachers and children was truly inspiring. I listened and learned what these amazing local heroes and youth felt would help their villages, schools and families. I was overwhelmed by the thought of these orphans, vulnerable children and their grandmother–caregivers feeling so alone and forgotten.

Although I had no prior experience in international development, my background in social work and educational psychology helped me to structure what I heard into culturally meaningful projects and programs delivered with kindness in the most sustainable ways. I was committed to providing the depth of psychosocial support that individuals need to deal with crushing poverty and despair.

As I began to tell the story to groups and colleagues, financial support initially came from friends, family, educators and neighbours. By 2005, the work was so extensive that I committed myself to it full-time – **Help Lesotho** was born. I spent three to four months each year in Lesotho deeply involved in program development and expansion. I held the grannies as they wept and listened to the children’s fears and hopes. Local staff were carefully recruited and trained to be effective and accountable. Community leaders and local partnerships were engaged on a village, district and national level.

Young people changed before my eyes as they thrived with the encouragement, education, personal development, kindness and support. I believe with all my heart that it is possible for these precious lives to be healthier, self-reliant and fulfilled because of the work we do.

Help Lesotho’s two community centres are especially wonderful places of hope. I stay committed to this country and this cause because I can see that our work is responsible, sustainable and locally valued. Our core priority of accountability ensures your funds are well directed, often several times over. I believe deeply in our local team and their incredible commitment to the work and the people we serve. Lives are changing and, while there is still a long way to go, Lesotho is coming back from the brink.

With the help of over 3500 donors from across Canada and in several other countries we have raised more than \$11M and enabled **Help Lesotho** to deliver a highly-valued diversity of integrated programs to change thousands of lives annually.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

JUNEAU, Madeleine

Sister

General Manager Maison Saint-Gabriel Museum and Historic Site – History of New France

MSC

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 21 June 2017

DOI: 1997

“Sister Madeleine Juneau is the general manager of Maison Saint-Gabriel, a museum and historic site with a focus on teaching the history of New France. Thanks to her hard work, this institution is now recognized as a National Historic Site of Canada. The growth of this tourist site is a major driver of economic development, helping to revitalize southwest Montréal.”

Sister Madeleine Juneau was born on 10 November 1945 in Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures, Quebec. She is a teacher and a museologist. In 1966, she became a nun of the Congregation of Notre-Dame. She taught in Montreal and then, from 1972 to 1982, in Hearst, Ontario. From 1984 to 1997, she was the director of educational services at Maison Saint-Gabriel in Montréal, a historic site owned by this religious community. She has been the executive director since 1997.



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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

LITTLECHILD, J. Wilton

Mr - Alberta Regional Chief Assembly of First Nations
Cree Lawyer / former MP Wetaskiwin / Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

CC (CM) AOE MSC

Hobbema, Alberta

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 15 June 2017

DOI: 02 June 2008 to December 2015

Elevated to **Companion of the Order of Canada (CC)** as per **Government House** 28 December 2024.

SINCLAIR, Murray

Honourable - First Aboriginal Judge in Manitoba
Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

CC AOE MSC

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Awarded CC 01/01/22

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 15 June 2017 / 26 May 2022

DOI: 02 June 2008 to December 2015

WILSON, Marie

Ms – Senior Official of WCB in NWT
Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

CM ONWT MSC

Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Awarded ONWT 2016

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 15 June 2017

DOI: 02 June 2008 to December 2015

“Justice Murray Sinclair, Chief Wilton Littlechild and Marie Wilson shouldered the responsibility for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada with fortitude, compassion and perseverance. Over six years, they led the examination of the Indian Residential School system, combing through myriad documents and witnessing the courage of survivors who shared their stories. Their final report invites all Canadians to confront the inequities of the past and calls on governments and individuals alike to move forward, with greater understanding, towards reconciliation.”

The Meritorious Service Cross awarded to the Honourable Murray Sinclair will be presented to him on 26 May 2022.



Murray Sinclair

J. Wilton Littlechild, CC, MSC

J. Wilton Littlechild, CC, MSC GG

Marie Wilson, CM MSC



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

MATTE, Martin

Mr

Maison Martin-Matte People with Brain Injuries

MSC

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 15 June 2017

DOI: 2007

“Unable to find housing adapted to the needs of his brother, who had sustained a head injury, Martin Matte created a foundation to help those living with a similar condition. By funding the construction of several Maison Martin-Matte locations across Quebec, the foundation has given those with a traumatic brain injury a home all their own, encouraging increased independence and rehabilitation.”

Martin Matte was born on 14 April 1970 in Laval, Québec, Canada. He is an actor and writer, known for Nitro (2007), Les Beaux Malaises (2016) and Caméra café (2002).



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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

MULOIN, Céline

Ms

Founded Tel-jeunes, a free helpline to support young people struggling with personal problems

MSC

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 15 June 2017

DOI: 2010

PAIEMENT, Jocelyn

Mr

Founded Tel-jeunes, a free helpline to support young people struggling with personal problems

MSC

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 15 June 2017

DOI: 2010



“Céline Muloin and Jocelyn Paiement founded Tel-jeunes, a free helpline accessible throughout Quebec and available around the clock to support young people struggling with personal problems. To date, this support organization has listened to, counselled and offered guidance to nearly 1.7 million youths by telephone, online or via text message, helping them to deal with a wide range of issues.”

PATERSON, Michael

Mr

Lead role in saving the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA)

MSC

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 25 April 2019

DOI: Since 1992



“Scientist Michael Paterson played the lead role in saving the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA), a unique research facility composed of 58 lakes and their ecosystems, from closure due to government budget cuts. Thanks to his resourcefulness, the ELA joined the not-for-profit International Institute for Sustainable Development, thereby safeguarding valuable experiments already in progress and continuing its search for sustainable solutions to the world’s water challenges.”

Michael Paterson has worked as a Research Scientist at the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA) since 1992. His research has focused on the ecosystem effects of human activities on freshwater lakes and his areas of expertise include aquatic food webs, plankton ecology, nutrients, and contaminants. While at ELA, Michael has been involved in whole-ecosystem studies on the effects of hydroelectric reservoir development, aquaculture, eutrophication, contaminants, acidification, and climate change. Prior to moving to IISD, Michael was a Research Scientist with Fisheries and Oceans Canada at Winnipeg’s Freshwater Institute and he has also worked as an environmental consultant for P. Lane & Associates in Halifax, N.S. and North/South Consultants in Winnipeg. Michael is currently an Adjunct Professor in the University of Manitoba’s Department of Entomology.

CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

RICHARDSON, Luke Glen
Mr – NHL Player and Coach (New York Islanders)
Co-Founder *Do It For Darron*

MSC
Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 01 July 2017
GH: 01 June 2018
DOI: 02 February 2011

RICHARDSON, Stephanie Ann
Mrs
Co-Founder *Do It For Darron*

MSC
Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 01 July 2017
GH: 01 June 2018
DOI: 02 February 2011

“Following the tragic loss of their daughter, former professional hockey player Luke Richardson and his wife, Stephanie, courageously shared their story to help youth suffering from mental illness. Partnering with their daughter’s friends and with various community organizations, they created the Do It For Daron Foundation to fund youth mental health initiatives and to inspire discussions on the topics of depression and suicide across the National Capital Region.”

In November 2010, 14-year-old Daron Richardson died by suicide. From this tragedy came a movement to transform youth mental health. Daron’s parents Luke and Stephanie Richardson decided to transform their very private pain into a public call-to-action and made a decision to support young people who struggle with mental illness. Supported by the energy and efforts of dozens of Daron’s close friends and classmates, a grassroots movement was formed with the mission of creating awareness, inspiring conversations, and transforming youth mental health. Do It For Daron (DIFD) supports education, awareness, and research initiatives at The Royal that encourage young people to talk openly about mental illness and to ask for help when needed. The purple DIFD heart, a creation inspired by Daron’s favourite colour, has become the youth-driven symbol of this movement.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

STAWICKI, Andrew

Mr

Founding Father of *PhotoSensitive*

MSC

Toronto, Ontario

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 16 February 2018

DOI: 1990

“Photographer Andrew Stawicki is the driving force behind Photosensitive, a collective of volunteer photographers who use their talents to draw attention to social issues in Canada and across the globe. His vision and passion behind the lens inspire positive change, help to raise funds, and bring the struggles and triumphs in the daily lives of society’s most vulnerable into focus.”



For more than 20 years, PhotoSensitive has been capturing powerful images to achieve social goals. On an afternoon in 1990, former Toronto Star photographer Andrew Stawicki dropped in on his friend, Peter Robertson, to let off some steam, and together they concocted a plan to change the world, one photograph at a time. They believed an excellent photograph has the potential to effect change, to make a difference, to expand a viewer's field of vision. And they wanted Canadian photographers to have an opportunity to take the time, to get to know their subjects, to reveal stories, together, in a way that might make the world a better place. Within a week, Andrew had recruited a diverse group of professional photographers, and PhotoSensitive was founded.



Margaret and Andrew Stawicki

LIU, Joanne

Dr – Professor McGill University

International president of Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières

MSC

Montréal, Quebec

CG:

GH: 15 June 2017

DOI: June 2013 to 2017



“As the international president of Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières, Dr. Joanne Liu demonstrated exceptional leadership in running the organization's clinical and epidemiological response to the largest Ebola outbreak in history. She advocated for the rights of sick people, inspired the teams on the ground with frequent visits, and called for a global humanitarian response to contain, control and mitigate the epidemic.”

Dr. Joanne Liu, MSC is a Canadian pediatric doctor, Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Montreal, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at McGill University, and the current International President of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF - Doctors Without Borders). She was elected President during the International General Assembly in June 2013.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

VOLLANT, Stanley

Dr – Innu Surgeon

Innu Meshkenu - 6 000-km walk through Indigenous communities across Eastern Canada

CM CQ MSC

Pessamit, Quebec

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 15 June 2017

DOI: October 2010 to 2017

“To promote Indigenous cultural heritage, Dr. Stanley Vollant set out on the Innu Meshkenu (My Innu Path), a 6 000-km walk that passed through Indigenous communities across eastern Canada. This initiative inspired a multitude of Indigenous and non-Indigenous walkers to join him, but more than that, it encouraged an entire generation of young people to stay in school and pursue their dreams.”



Awarded **Chevalier Ordre National du Quebec (CQ)** in 2016.

Awarded **Member of the Order of Canada (CM)** as per **Government House** 29 December 2022.

Medals: CM - CQ – MSC – EIIR Diamond Jubilee



Dr. Stanley Vollant is an Innu of Pessamit (Quebec) and a surgeon and aboriginal program coordinator for the faculty of medicine at Université de Montréal. He grew up in the vicinity of the St. Lawrence River on the North Coast. From a young age, he has the traditional teachings of his grandfather who taught him the importance of community values. Dr. Vollant received in 1989 his degree of doctor of Medicine (MD) from the University of Montreal and completed his training in 1994 specializing in general surgery. He became the first Aboriginal surgeon in Quebec.



Dr. Vollant began his career in December of the same year at the regional hospital of Baie-Comeau. Some ten years later, he moved to do general surgery at the CSSS de Chicoutimi then held the positions of Surgeon General at the Montfort Hospital of Ottawa as well as Assistant Professor of surgery and Director of the Aboriginal program of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Ottawa. In 2010, he became Coordinator of the Aboriginal stream of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Montreal. He also practices medicine at the medical

clinic in Pessamit, his native village.

The roadmap of Dr. Vollant social and professional commitment is very eloquent. Among his notable contributions include a term as President of the Medical Association of Quebec - mandate during which he is called upon to represent the 9000 doctors in the province - and a seat on the Executive Council of the Canadian Medical Association. Dr Vollant was also a member of the Canadian Council of health, Health Canada Science Advisory Board member of the Ministerial Advisory Council on rural health the Canada, the Board of the health and well-being of Quebec, of the Ethics Committee 10 of science and technology of Quebec and several other working groups related to health.

The idea of the promotion of the healthy lifestyle among First Nations is the main driving force for Dr. Vollant and the reason for his Innu Meshkenu.

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

AUDET, Dominic Mr Driving Force behind Multimedia Entertainment Studio Moment Factory	MSC Montréal, Quebec	CG: 06 January 2018 GH: 08 December 2017 DOI: 2001 and ongoing
BESSETTE, Sakchin Mr	MSC Montréal, Quebec	CG: 06 January 2018 GH: 08 December 2017
FOURNIER, Éric Mr	MSC Montréal, Quebec	CG: 06 January 2018 GH: 08 December 2017
RODI, Jason Mr	MSC Montréal, Quebec	CG: 06 January 2018 GH: 08 December 2017

“Dominic Audet, Sakchin Bessette, Éric Fournier and Jason Rodi are the driving forces behind the international success of multimedia entertainment studio Moment Factory. Considered a touchstone in the design and production of immersive environments, Moment Factory has charmed millions of spectators with hundreds of presentations and has showcased Canadian creativity both at home and abroad.”



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

GINGRAS, Angèle (nee Bala Theresa Singareddy)	MSC	CG: 06 January 2018
Ms	Gatineau, Quebec	GH: 08 December 2017
Founded SOPAR – Bala Vikasa – Development Program to Improve Living Conditions in India		DOI: 1977

GINGRAS, André	MSC	CG: 06 January 2018
Mr	Gatineau, Quebec	GH: 08 December 2017

“Angèle and André Gingras founded SOPAR - Bala Vikasa, an international development organization dedicated to improving the living conditions of people in India’s rural communities. Through a range of personal and community development programs, SOPAR - Bala Vikasa has helped millions of people reach their full potential and become agents of social change in their communities.”

Bala Theresa Singareddy (Angèle) was born in Reddipalem, a village in the state of Telangana in India. During her youth, she studied in India, in the United States and in the Philippines. While in the Philippines, she met a Canadian – André Gingras – whom she married. In 1975, in their hometown of Limbour, Gatineau, Québec, they began to raise awareness amongst their friends and neighbors about the living conditions of people in India. These discussions led to the formation of a small group, “Partage Reddipalem”, dedicated to sponsoring the education of poor children in India. In 1977, SOPAR was founded.

For the first 13 years of its existence, Angèle managed SOPAR as a volunteer from her own home. In 1990, she left for India with her husband who, after a 25-year career with the Canadian International Development Agency, took one last overseas posting. In India, Angèle devoted her time to creating a new organization – Bala Vikasa – aimed at ensuring the effective implementation of SOPAR’s programs in India. In 1991, Bala Vikasa became a registered NGO with the Indian government. Since then, the two sister organizations have pursued a common objective: to support the development process of rural Indian communities. As a result of their vision, dedication and familiarity with the reality of India’s rural areas, the founders were able to establish a model organization that has changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

PICHÉ, Robert

Airline Captain – Air Transat Pilot

Created "Le Fondation Robert Piché" to support the treatment of people with addictions

MSC

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 01 July 2017

GH: 08 December 2017

DOI: 2007



"In 2007, Robert Piché created an eponymous foundation to support the treatment of people with addictions and to help them successfully reintegrate into society. Captain Piché's motivational talks and his frequent visits to rehabilitation centres encourage others to continue on the road to recovery."

Captain Robert Piché, MSC, Air Transat Pilot

Captain Robert Piché, a 20-year Air Transat pilot with 45 years of aircraft experience, retired in October of 2017. This captain, made famous by his Azores landing in August of 2001 after an in-flight fuel outage, discovered his passion for aviation thanks to his desire to travel the world. On August 24, 2001, he was Captain of the Airbus 330-243 (C-GITS) flying Air Transat Flight 236 Montreal to Lisbon and managed to land the aircraft safely in the Azores after it lost all power due to fuel exhaustion. After graduation he worked for regional airlines until he was laid off by Quebecair. After being laid off, he worked odd jobs which consisted of smuggling marijuana to the United States by plane. In 1983, Piché served 16 months of a 10-year sentence in prison after a plane he landed solo at a small airfield in the state of Georgia was found to be full of marijuana smuggled from Jamaica. He was pardoned in 2000 and is considered fully rehabilitated. In 1996, at the age of 43, Air Transat hired Piché. He rose rapidly from co-pilot to captain on the Lockheed L-1011 Tristar and transitioned to the Airbus A330 in the spring of 2000. On October 1st, 2017, Piché flew his last commercial flight. He retired from commercial flying after piloting TS605 from Rome to Montréal. Although this was his last commercial flight, his very last flight for Air Transat took place on October 12th, 2017, when he flew C-GKTS, an A330-300 on a sightseeing flight from Montreal, over Quebec City and back to Montreal. The flight was a fundraiser for his foundation, "Le Fondation Robert Piché" which helps people with drug and alcohol addictions.

