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ABOUMANSOUR, Nahid CQ MSC CG: 04 July 2020
Ms Montréal, Quebec GH: 15 September 2021
Founding Petites-Mains - Helping to improve the lives of immigrant women in Montréal DOI: 1995

"For founding Petites-Mains, a social economy organization helping to improve the lives of immigrant women in Montréal."

"Through the social economy organization Petites-Mains, Nahid Aboumansour has helped improve the lives of immigrant and unemployed women in the Montréal area by bringing them out of isolation, facilitating their integration into Canadian society and promoting their entry into the labour market. For thousands of women, taking part in one of the socio-professional integration programs has helped them regain their confidence and dignity while contributing to the city's social and economic development.

Awarded **Knight Ordre de Quebec (CQ)** in 2017.







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

ARNOLD, Ian M.F.	MSC	CG: 04 July 2020
Dr	Ottawa, Ontario	GH: 01 July 2020 / 07 December 2023
National Standard of Canada for Psychological Health & Safety Workplace		DOI: January 2013

"For leading the committee that established the first *National Standard of Canada for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace*."

"Ian Arnold, an occupational medicine physician, led the Mental Health Commission of Canada's Workforce Advisory Committee in establishing a National Standard for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace. The first standard of its kind in the world, it underscores the importance of mental health on the job and provides direction to help realize the tangible benefits of a psychologically healthy and safe work environment for both employers and employees."

Dr. Ian Arnold, MSC, MD, FRCP(S)



Dr. Arnold completed his M.D. at Queen's University at Kingston in 1968 and was certified in general surgery in 1973. From 1973 to 1981 he worked as a surgical consultant in Labrador and Nouveau Québec at the Captain William Jackman Memorial Hospital and the Fermont Medical Clinic. Dr. Arnold's work in Occupational Health started in 1975 as a consultant to Quebec Cartier Mining Ltd. He became the Medical Director of the Carol Project of the Iron Ore Company of Canada in 1978.

In July of 1981, he was named a Senior Medical Consultant in Occupational Health (Alberta Government) and took over the Directorship of the Medical Services Branch in 1983. In 1984 Dr. Arnold joined Dow Chemical Canada Inc. He was Dow Canada's Corporate Medical Director when he moved to Noranda Inc. in 1991, as the Corporate Medical Director and Director – Occupational Health. From 1996 until 2001, Dr. Arnold held senior corporate roles in Health, Safety, and Environment (HSE) at Alcan Inc. and was also Vice – President of Alcan International.

Since retiring from Alcan in 2002, Dr. Arnold has continued his involvement in HSE through his consulting roles with the International Aluminium Institute, the International Council on Mining and Metals, Rio Tinto, TDV Global, Sun Life, the Centre for Mental Health in the Workplace, Mental Health Innovations, EEM, and Geovector. Dr. Arnold was a volunteer charter member and past Chairperson, of the Workforce Advisory Committee of the Mental Health Commission of Canada. He is also a Board member of the Mach – Gaensslen Foundation – a charitable foundation funding medical research and education in the fields of cardiology, psychiatry, and oncology – and serves/has served on several other Boards.

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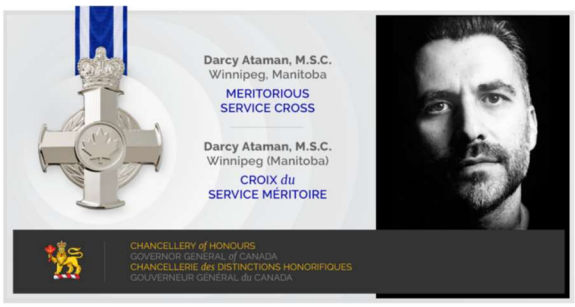
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ATAMAN, Darcy **OM MSC** CG: 04 July 2020
Mr Winnipeg, Manitoba GH: 01 July 2020
Founding Make Music Matter to help survivors of armed conflict overcome emotional trauma DOI: 2012

"For founding Make Music Matter, an organization that helps survivors of armed conflict overcome emotional trauma."

Awarded **Order of Manitoba (OM)** as per the **Manitoba Government News Release** of 12 May 2022.





Medals: OM - MSC

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BANNO, Robert Tadashi MSC CG: 04 July 2020
Mr Burnaby, British Columbia GH: 01 July 2020
Leadership in the creation of Nikkei Place for the Japanese-Canadian Community - **Deceased** DOI: 2000

"For his leadership in the creation of Nikkei Place, a landmark cultural institution in Burnaby that unites the Japanese-Canadian community."

Consul General Asako Okai conferred **Japan's Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays**, on Robert Tadashi Banno, QC, in 29 April 2016 (announced in the **Canada Gazette** of 28 May 2016). That honour contrasted the first sunrise he witnessed. That was above mountains ringing the Second World War Japanese-Canadian internment camp at Tashme, B.C., where he was born on 09 March 1943. The award recognized Banno's efforts to build the Nikkei Place complex that Okai called "one of the cornerstones of Japanese Canadian life and community." Banno is the Nikkei Place Foundation's 15-year president. Wife Cathy Makihara was executive director of related societies. Robert Banno died on 16 June 2020.

Medals: MSC – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays (Japan)

Awarded **Order of the Rising Sun (Gold and Silver Rays) (Japan)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 28 May 2016.



Robert Banno and wife Cathy Makihara. Robert is wearing the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays of Japan.

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

BLAIN, Kathryn MSC CG: 04 July 2020
Ms Waterloo, Ontario GH: 01 July 2020 / 07 December 2023
Founding the Meningitis Research Foundation of Canada DOI: 1997



"For founding the Meningitis Research Foundation of Canada, which promotes awareness and prevention of the illness in Canada and internationally."

"Kathryn Blain founded the Meningitis Research Foundation of Canada to provide information and support to patients and families affected by this disease. The grassroots group has since grown into a national organization that funds research, advocates for preventative vaccination programs, and serves as a focus for donations. Under her leadership, the foundation has been a key player in promoting awareness and prevention of meningitis both in Canada and worldwide."

After leaving a career as a financial planner, I became involved in the interior design business. I decided to expand upon this career and opened a furniture store in 2001, along with my husband Don who was a retired Platoon Chief from the Kitchener fire department.

My most proud accomplishment has been being a mother, that role for me embodied the essence of my being. In 1995 I was shaken to the core of my existence in the sudden death of my son Michael Longo age 19 from Meningococcal Septicaemia. The loss of Michael in my life channels so much of how I live my life and what energy I put into the various aspects of my life. As a symbol of my love for him and who he was as a person I founded the Meningitis Research Foundation of Canada, along with the support of a very valued Board of Directors.

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BOUTIN, Sandy MSC CG: 04 July 2020
Ms Montreal, Quebec GH: 01 July 2020 / 07 December 2023
Founding Festival de musique émergente en Abitibi-Témiscamingue DOI: 2002



"For founding the Festival de musique émergente en Abitibi-Témiscamingue and for promoting Francophone culture."

"Founder of the Festival de musique émergente en l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Sandy Boutin has made this annual event a showcase for artists and a gold standard for the distribution of emerging music in Quebec. A major economic driver for the Rouyn-Noranda area for more than 15 years, the Festival has launched the careers of several well-known artists while helping to promote French-language culture throughout the Francophonie."

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

CARELLA, Franca Damiani | MSC | CG: 04 July 2020
Ms | Woodbridge, Ontario | GH: 01 July 2020 / 07 December 2023
Establishing the Vitanova Foundation | **Posthumous** | DOI: 1987

"For establishing the Vitanova Foundation, a facility dedicated to the rehabilitation of those struggling with substance abuse."



"Franca Damiani Carella founded The Vitanova Foundation, a facility dedicated to the rehabilitation of those struggling with substance abuse. As its executive director, she developed a unique treatment program, expanded the range of services offered and organized annual fundraising events in the community. Vitanova has since treated more than 17 000 clients and family members at no charge, and it remains the only in-patient program in the York region for men with addictions."

Franca Damiani Carella, Countess of Vergada, Doctor of Sacred Letters Founder & Executive Director, The Vitanova Foundation. A healer in and of our community, she **died** in her beloved Aruba, on 17 January, 2020. The only daughter of the late Antonio Glubavaz-Dettrico-Frangipani-Damiani, Count of Vergada, and the late Maria Bosna Damiani Visano, Franca was born July 17, 1935, in Zara, an ancient Venetian and later Italian enclave on the Adriatic's Dalmatian coast (now Zadar, Croatia). She was predeceased by her brother Franco, Count of Vergada, her son Gregory John Meadwell, her sister Fulvia Visano Mrusek, and her daughter Dawn Carella Petrasso. She is survived by Tony, her husband of thirty-nine years; her brothers John Visano (Rose) and Livio Visano (Brenda Spotton); her children---Mara Dunlap (Sam Perri), Tina Cyr, Diana Alonso (Ramiro), and Mark Meadwell (Danuta Rosinska); her twelve grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren; as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins in Canada, Italy, Croatia, and the United States. Born into a noble family, whatever life Franca might have led was changed irrevocably by the assassination of her father by partisans when she was five. The next fifteen years were marked by all the miseries of imprisonment, wartime displacement and post-war refugee camps. Nevertheless, like many refugees and immigrants to Canada, Franca accomplished much. But what drove her was neither ambition nor hunger for fame; rather it was an extraordinary capacity for compassion directed to anyone in need. Franca cherished every person as an individual, paying it forward, all the time.

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ING, Harry | MSC | CG: 04 July 2020
Mr | Deep River, Ontario | GH: 01 July 2020 / 07 December 2023
Founding Bubble Technology Industries in the field of Nuclear Radiation Detection | | DOI: 1988

"For founding Bubble Technology Industries, a corporation at the forefront of development in the field of nuclear radiation detection."



"Physicist Harry Ing, an internationally renowned pioneer in the field of nuclear radiation detection, founded Bubble Technology Industries in 1988, to market his "bubble detector," an instrument used in space to measure astronauts' exposure to radiation. Rooted in a close-knit rural community, his company conducts world-class research, produces innovative technology to identify radiation hazards in counterterrorism operations, and has helped garner Canada a reputation as a global leader in neutron detection in space."

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

GREENE, Mackie	MSC	CG: 04 July 2020
Mr	Wilson's Beach, New Brunswick	GH: 01 July 2020
Founding the Campobello Whale Rescue Team		DOI: 2002
HOWLETT, Joseph Michael	MSC	CG: 04 July 2020
Mr	Wilson's Beach, New Brunswick	GH: 01 July 2020
Founding the Campobello Whale Rescue Team	**Posthumous**	DOI: 2002

"For founding the Campobello Whale Rescue Team, a volunteer group that disentangles distressed whales from fishing gear."

On 10 July 2017, and Howlett and the rest of the *Shelagh* crew were racing to save North Atlantic right whale No. 4123. After finding the whale, the Fisheries and Oceans boat they had switched to approached the animal slowly. On his first pass, Howlett was able to cut one line. In only 15 minutes and two masterful cuts, No. 4123 was free. As the whale propelled itself down into the sea, Howlett had to duck as the tail came up. The dorsal side of the whale's tail flip into the bow of the boat as it was going down hitting Howlett with roughly a tonne of force. Howlett was killed instantly.



Mackie Greene Joseph Howlett

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

GOURDJI, Henry Chaim MSC CD CG: 04 July 2020
Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) – Cdn Grenadier Guards Beaconsfield, Quebec GH: 25 April 2019
Sweeping impact on air navigation safety as a senior official with Int'l Civil Aviation Organization DOI: June 2014 to 2017

"Henry Gourdji has had a sweeping impact on air navigation safety as a senior official with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a specialized agency of the United Nations. His creative approach to expanding the organization's oversight program and his ability to forge partnerships among ICAO's member states have augmented safety procedures around the world and have enhanced Canada's reputation as an international leader in the field of civil aviation."

Medals: MSC (civil) – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Chaim GOURDJI, MSC, CD
Commanding Officer – Canadian Grenadier Guards
May 2008 to September 2011
Head Strategic Planning Coordination and Partnership (SPCP) Office
Office of the Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization
November 2015 to present





He established and lead a new office reporting directly to the Secretary General. This Office is responsible to coordinate high-level and cross-cutting strategies and priorities among the different Bureaus and Offices, including the Regional Offices, of the Organization. In particular, the SPCP is responsible for the development and maintenance of the ICAO Business Plan, the ICAO Operating Plan, the Corporate Performance Management Framework, the Corporate Key Performance Indicators and the Risk Registry, which form the basis for resource allocation and assist the Secretary General to monitor its accountability and performance with respect to the implementation of initiatives. The SPCP also has the responsibility to facilitate the development of partnerships as well as to leverage such strategic partnerships in air transport systems' enhancements in Member States and the mobilization of resources needed to implement necessary improvements.

Deputy Director, Monitoring and Oversight, Air Navigation Bureau
June 2014 – September 2017 3 years 4 months

He provided high level support in managing, planning, and coordinating the activities in the Bureau, in particular those activities related to the continuous monitoring of States' safety oversight capabilities. As Deputy Director Monitoring and Oversight, he was expected to make necessary decisions to ensure the proper operation of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme under the Continuous Monitoring Approach (USOAP-CMA) as a result of directions received from the General Assembly, Council and Secretary General.

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

MARCIL-GRATTON, Nicole	CQ MSC	CG: 04 July 2020
Ms	Montréal, Quebec	GH: 01 July 2020 & 09/12/21
Founding The Lighthouse Palliative Care Home	**Posthumous**	DOI: 1999

VIAU-CHAGNON, Michèle	CQ MSC	CG: 04 July 2020
Ms	Montréal, Quebec	GH: 01 July 2020 & 09/12/21
Founding The Lighthouse, Children and Families First pediatric palliative care home in PQ		DOI: 1999

"For founding The Lighthouse, Children and Families, and Maison André-Gratton, the first pediatric palliative care home in Quebec."

"Deeply committed to the well-being of children with life-threatening illnesses, Michèle Viau-Chagnon and Nicole Marcil-Gratton were instrumental in the great achievements of The Lighthouse, Children and Families. For 20 years, they have been involved in Quebec's social and community development, establishing the province's first respite and pediatric palliative care home. Since its founding, Maison André-Gratton has become a place of welcome and comfort, a safe harbour in the storm for more than 800 families in need of support."

Nicole Marcil-Gratton died on 16 June 2018. *The decoration awarded to the late Nicole Marcil-Gratton was presented to her son, Mr. François Gratton.*

Both were awarded **Knight Ordre du Quebec (CQ)** in 2009.



Nicole Marcil-Gratton Michèle Via-Chagnon

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PEARCE, Matthew	MSC	CG: 04 July 2020
Mr	Montréal, Quebec	GH: 01 July 2020
leading the transformation of the Old Brewery Mission in Montréal		DOI: 2008



"For leading the transformation of the Old Brewery Mission in Montréal to create more stable housing solutions for people facing homelessness."

Matthew Pearce has been the CEO and President of the Old Brewery Mission starting in 2008.

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

PITRE, Jonathan	MSC	CG: 04 July 2020
Mr	Embrun, Ontario	GH: 15 September 2021
Raising awareness of epidermolysis bullosa	**Posthumous**	DOI: 2012
BOILEAU, Tina	MSC	CG: 04 July 2020
Ms	Embrun, Ontario	GH: 15 September 2021
Raising awareness of epidermolysis bullosa		DOI: 2012

"For raising awareness of epidermolysis bullosa, a debilitating skin disorder that ultimately took Jonathan's life."

"Diagnosed with epidermolysis bullosa (EB) as a newborn, Jonathan Pitre became known as the Butterfly Child and the public face of this rare, debilitating skin disorder when he bravely allowed his daily wound-care regimen to be recorded by local media. Committed to fighting the disease, he and his mother, Tina Boileau, helped raise awareness and significant funds for research, which has since led to greater support for other families affected by EB. Even though the disease eventually took Jonathan's life, his story continues to serve as a source of inspiration to all."



The decoration awarded to the late Mr. Pitre will be received by his mother, Tina Boileau.

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

JANZ, Garry MSC CG: 06 January 2018
Mr Carleton Place, Ontario GH: 09 December 2021
For co-founding *Ride For Dad* raising funds for and awareness of prostate cancer research DOI: 2000

SMITH, Byron MSC CG: 04 July 2020
Mr Carleton Place, Ontario GH: 01 July 2020
For co-founding *Ride For Dad* raising funds for and awareness of prostate cancer research DOI: 2000

"For co-founding *Ride For Dad*, which raises funds for and awareness of prostate cancer research through large-scale, one-day ride events."

"Garry Janz and Byron Smith are the co-founders of *Ride For Dad*, which raises funds and awareness for prostate cancer research through large scale one-day ride events. Under their leadership, the organization has expanded to 44 chapters, involving thousands of volunteers and participants across Canada. To date, $33 million has been donated to biomedical research communities, resulting in the development of new treatment strategies and more personalized care for patients."



Garry Janz, MSC



Byron Smith, MSC

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TRUSCOTT, Helen Margaret ("Peggy") MSC CG: 06 March 2021
Ms Toronto, Ontario GH: 25 February 2021
Establishing Walk of Hope for Ovarian Cancer **Posthumous** DOI: 2012



"For establishing the Walk of Hope, Ovarian Cancer Canada's premier annual, cross-country fundraising event."



Peggy Truscott and her daughters, Sarah, Martha and Rebecca in 2002.

Awarded on 20 November 2020. No citation in the Government House website

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

WETTLAUFER, Robin MSC CG: 06 March 2021
Ms Ottawa, Ontario GH: 25 February 2021
Evacuation of White Helmets civil Volunteers and their families from Syria DOI: 21 July 2018



"For her central role in the evacuation of a group of White Helmets civil volunteers and their families from Syria when their security was at risk"

"Diplomat Robin Wettlaufer played a central role in the evacuation of White Helmets civil defence volunteers and their families from a dangerous war zone. Her initiative precipitated a rescue plan that helped 422 of these rescue workers escape from Syria through the Golan Heights to Jordan, then on to Canada and other safe countries. The event demonstrated our nation's humanitarianism to the world and its commitment to protecting partner organizations in conflict areas."

She is the representative of Canada in West Bank/Gaza & former Special Representative for Syria.

The bankers, barbers and ordinary citizens in Syria made up the White Helmets, who, over Syria's seven-year civil war, were the volunteer rescue workers who had braved barrel bombing and chemical attacks to save more than 114,000 citizens who dared oppose President Bashar al-Assad. Singled out for torture and death by the regime, their lives were now in danger. With the assistance of Canadian Ambassador Peter MacDougall, Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland and Robin Wettlauffer, messages via phone calls, WhatsApp messaged, and codes emails went out to the White Helmets that they were in danger. The regime's advancing army had closed off the border to Jordan, leaving the Golan Heights as the only crossing point available, which meant Israel had to agree to let them in. Jordan had to sign off on receiving the rescued men, women and children from Israel, even if only for a short stay. Buses to take the White Helmets from Israel to Jordan had to be organized. Meanwhile, Assad's regime was closing off access routes from the south to the Israeli border. And, as if the stars refused to align, ISIS started its own scrap for a piece of land that cut off access from the south.

The Mayday Rescue team sent a coded message by text and WhatsApp to the White Helmets: Head to the border with Israel. The instruction seemed counterintuitive — Israel was an enemy border. But it was the only option available, so the first responders began moving from dozens of locations toward the Golan Heights. Shortly after 9 p.m. on July 21, 2018, the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) gave the order: "Now." The metal gate separating the two enemy countries cranked open. That night, 422 lives were saved.

MSC presented on 21 March 2024 as per GH of 19 March 2024.

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BEDARD, Wanda
Ms
Founder 60 million Girls Foundation

MSC
Montreal, Quebec

CG: 29 January 2022
GH: 19 March 2024
DOI: 1999



"Wanda Bedard is the founder of 60 million girls, an organization dedicated to girls' education in developing countries. Each year, the foundation supports two or more major projects, with girls making up at least half of the students impacted. Recently, its solar-powered, remote learning labs, developed for use in communities without electricity or Internet access, have allowed children to continue studying without gathering in groups during Ebola and COVID-19 outbreaks."

She realized that she was born in a country that offers women a chance to succeed through education. Encouraged by a successful fundraising gala and project to build a satellite school in Burkina Faso, West Africa, Wanda Bedard decided to start a new venture. With the encouragement of a small group of like-minded women who also believe in a better and fairer world, in 2006 she established the *60 million girls* Foundation. The goal was to sponsor on an annual basis at least two large-scale projects focused on providing access to education to girls in developing countries, thus supplying the essential tool of education to help them transform their life.

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GRINVALDS, Paul Mr Co-Founder Afripads menstrual kits	MSC Montreal and Uganda	CG: 29 January 2022 GH: 19 January 2024 DOI: 2010
GRINVALDS, Sophia Mrs Co-Founder Afripads menstrual kits	MSC Montreal and Uganda	CG: 29 January 2022 GH: 19 January 2024 DOI: 2010

"Paul and Sophia Grinvalds founded AFRIpads in Uganda in 2010. Their innovative, for-profit social enterprise manufactures reusable sanitary pads as a cost-effective menstrual product solution. Begun in a region where the topic of menstrual health was seldom broached, AFRIpads has led the way in removing the stigma, creating much-needed jobs for women, and disrupting a cycle of poverty, lack of education, and poor health and hygiene among millions of women and girls."

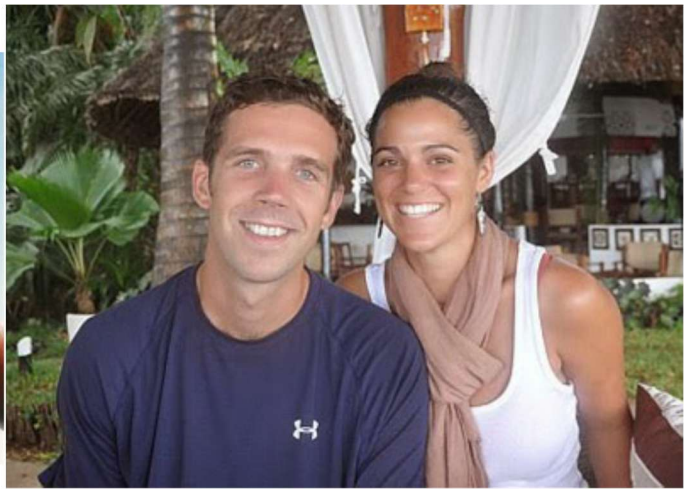
In 2010, AFRIpads introduced the reusable sanitary pad to Sub-Saharan Africa with an aim to overcome key challenges that women and girls were facing whilst on their period including access, affordability and sustainability. Since then, AFRIpads has grown to become the world's leading social enterprise manufacturing reusable sanitary pads.

To date, the AFRIpads Menstrual Kits have positively impacted the lives of more than 3.5 million women and girls around the world. Following a decade of experience, AFRIpads has learnt that in order to drive change, we need more than a product. Therefore, AFRIpads works with humanitarian and development partners to provide a holistic menstrual health management (MHM) solution which combines product, education and evidence.

As a social enterprise dedicated to contributing to rural development, the AFRIpads factory in rural Uganda provides meaningful employment to over 150 local women. In 2010, AFRIpads introduced the reusable sanitary pad to Sub-Saharan Africa with an aim to overcome key challenges that women and girls were facing whilst on their period including access, affordability and sustainability. Since then, AFRIpads has grown to become the world's leading social enterprise manufacturing reusable sanitary pads. To date, the AFRIpads Menstrual Kits have positively impacted the lives of more than 3.5 million women and girls around the world. Following a decade of experience, AFRIpads has learnt that in order to drive change, we need more than a product. Therefore, AFRIpads works with humanitarian and development partners to provide a holistic menstrual health management (MHM) solution which combines product, education and evidence. As a social enterprise dedicated to contributing to rural development, the AFRIpads factory in rural Uganda provides meaningful employment to over 150 local women.

Sophia's maiden name is Sophia Klumpp.





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

WARRACK, Peter | MSC | CG: 29 January 2022
Mr | Niagara-on-the- Lake, Ontario | GH: 19 March 2024
Expert in anti-money Laundering and a leader in the fight against human trafficking | DOI: 1990



"Peter Warrack led the creation of Project Protect, a partnership that targets human trafficking by focusing on money laundering. Financial institutions, regulators and law enforcers collaborate their efforts to identify financial patterns that indicate criminal activity linked to human trafficking. Unique to Canada and a model for international agencies, the project has furnished information used to identify trafficking rings and to rescue victims trapped in desperate circumstances."

Medals: MSC (civil) – Campaign Service Medal 1961-2007 (British) with bar perhaps Northern Ireland – Royal Ulster Constabulary Service Medal

Peter Warrack is a recognized expert in anti-money laundering and economic crime detection, prevention and investigation, with over 30 years experience in military intelligence, senior police detective roles, and executive positions within the Financial Intelligence Units of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) and the Bank of Montreal (BOM). He is currently the Chief Compliance Officer for Bitfinex. He is a leader in the fight against human trafficking.

He is a former Detective Chief Inspector with the Northern Ireland Police Service's Economic Crime Bureau.

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WEBSTAD, Phyllis M.C. | MSC | CG: 29 January 2022
Ms | Williams Lake, BC | GH: 08 May 2024
Creator Orange Shirt Day | DOI: 13 May 2013



"Phyllis Webstad inspired Orange Shirt Day, observed on September 30, when Canadians show their support for residential school survivors by wearing orange. She courageously shared her story, seen through a child's eyes, of her first day at residential school, when her special orange shirt was taken away. Her poignant memories have generated a better understanding of the impact of the Indian Residential School System and the importance of reconciliation."

Phyllis Jack Webstad is a Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) author from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, and the **creator of Orange Shirt Day**, a day of remembrance marked in Canada. She is a First Nations residential school survivor. She is an author. It is celebrated as a day of remembrance on 30 September each year.

She received her award on 25 June 2025.

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

SADETSKY, Grégory MSC CG: 04 July 2020
Mr Montréal, Quebec GH: 26 May 2022
Developing Emergency Call Location Software for the US Coast Guard after Hurricane Harvey DOI: 2017



"Grégory Sadetsky played a pivotal role in developing emergency call location software that enabled the U.S. Coast Guard and Texas first responders to coordinate their evacuation efforts in response to Hurricane Harvey in 2017. This software, which subsequently proved successful during hurricanes Florence and Michael, has become an invaluable public safety tool."



David Hein and Irene Sankoff are the creators of *Come From Away*, the wildly successful Broadway musical based on the story of airline passengers who were stranded in Gander following the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. Michael Rubinoff, artistic director and founder of the Canadian Music Theatre Project at Sheridan College, is one of the producers. He proposed the concept of a musical based on those events, which was then brilliantly written by Mr. Hein and Ms. Sankoff. The production has shone a light on the Newfoundlanders' hospitality, and has shared with the world a little-known tale of kindness and generosity in the face of overwhelming tragedy.

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

ABUBAKAR, Nimo Hagi	MSC	CG: 30 March 2024
Dr	Ottawa, Ontario	GH: 08 May 2024
Transforming the health care system of Borama, Somaliland, Somalia		DOI: since 2003

"Surgeon Nimo Abubakar has been transforming the health care system of Borama, Somaliland, Somalia, since 2003. After visiting family and witnessing the dire state of health care in the region, she took matters into her own hands and helped reorganize the city's medical institutions. Through her ongoing support, hospitals have obtained more funding, specialized equipment and training in maternal care."

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BAILLARGEON, Sébastien	MSC	CG: 30 March 2024
Mr	Cantley, Quebec	GH: 15 January 2024
Deputy Director for Global Affairs Canada / Diplomat and Consular Officer / Evacuate Afghanistan		DOI: August 2021

SHEMELUCK, Lydia	MSC	CG: 30 March 2024
Ms	Ottawa, Ontario	GH: 15 January 2024
Working for Global Affairs Canada when Canada evacuated 2,700 from Afghanistan		DOI: 2021

"In August 2021, diplomat and consular officer Sébastien Baillargeon and a colleague demonstrated exemplary professionalism during emergency operations following the Taliban takeover of Kabul. Under precarious conditions, they helped the Canadian Armed Forces evacuate over 2,700 people, including Canadians, permanent residents and vulnerable Afghans, particularly those supporting Canada's work."



Awarded on 15 January 2024.
Received award on 25 June 2026

Sébastien Baillargeon, MSC

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

BORSUK, Daniel Evan — **OQ MSC** — CG: 30 March 2024
Dr – Plastic Surgeon pioneer in facial reconstruction — Montreal, Quebec — GH:
First Canadian Face Transplant — DOI: May 2018

"In 2018, plastic surgeon Daniel Borsuk and his team performed Canada's first ever face transplant. This procedure enables patients to gradually reintegrate into society with greater self-esteem and without fear of being ostracized. It is a surgical breakthrough highlighting Canadian medical expertise both nationally and internationally."



Canadian plastic surgeon who is a pioneer in facial reconstruction. The first Canadian face transplant was performed under his leadership.

Officer of the Ordre de Quebec (OQ) awarded in 2019.

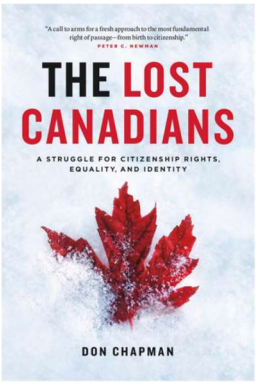
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CHAPMAN, Don — MSC — CG: 30 March 2024
Captain – United Airlines Pilot — Vancouver, B.C. — GH: 15 January 2024
Writer of the book "The Lost Canadians" — DOI: 2015

"Founder of Lost Canadians, Don Chapman has been fighting for citizenship to be restored to thousands of people in Canada. He led successful Charter challenges on citizenship and equal rights on behalf of women, children, war brides, veterans, Chinese and Indigenous peoples. He continues to advocate changes to out-of-date federal legislation."

"The Lost Canadians" detailing how he lost his Canadian citizenship and fought to get it back for himself and for others.

When Vancouver-born Don Chapman was six years old, he was stripped of his Canadian citizenship, thanks to an arcane provision of the 1947 Canadian Citizenship Act. Years later, he was stunned to discover that he couldn't return to his homeland, and thus began his David and Goliath battle to change Canada's discriminatory citizenship laws. He's since become the voice for hundreds of thousands of others like himself, now collectively known as the Lost Canadians, whose ranks have included such Canadian icons as Roméo Dallaire, Guy Lombardo, Leslie Nielsen, Ricky Gervais, and Nobel Prize winners Willard Boyle and Saul Bellow. Children born on military bases overseas were affected, as were tens of thousands of Second World War brides and their children. Perhaps the most stunning of all: Canada doesn't recognize some living Second World War veterans as citizens.



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

CYR, Daniel Mr. Co-founded Cirque Éloize	MSC Havre-aux-Maisons, Quebec	CG: 30 March 2024 GH: 15 January 2024 DOI: 1993
HAMLIN, Julie Ms Co-founded Cirque Éloize	MSC Montreal, Quebec **Deceased** – 14 May 2016	CG: 30 March 2024 GH: 15 January 2024 DOI: 1993
MORIN, Claudette Hélène Ms Co-founded Cirque Éloize	MSC Montreal, Quebec	CG: 30 March 2024 GH: 15 January 2024 DOI: 1993
PAINCHAUD, Jeannot Mr Co-founded Cirque Éloize	**CQ MSC** Montreal, Quebec	CG: 30 March 2024 GH: 15 January 2024 DOI: 1993

“Daniel Cyr, Claudette H. Morin, Jeannot Painchaud, co-founders of Cirque Éloize and the late Julie Hamelin led their company to international acclaim. Their original creations have thrilled over 5 million spectators in over 600 cities, inspiring a new generation of circus artists. Cirque Éloize has since transformed itself to offer a richly diverse creative experience.



Jeannot Painchaud was awarded **Knight of l’Ordre de Quebec** in 2017.

"**Éloize**" means "heat lightning" in Acadian French. Productions combine circus arts with music, dance, technology, and theatre.

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

GÉLINAS, Daniel **CQ MSC** CG: 30 March 2024
Mr Quebec City, PQ GH: 15 January 2024
"Saviour of the festivities" of the 400th anniversary of Quebec City DOI: 2018

"Daniel Gélinas is an outstanding leader, managing and reviving major cultural events for the City of Québec. Pivotal to the success of the city's 400th anniversary festivities, he also brought the Festival d'été de Québec unprecedented recognition, raising the provincial capital's profile both nationally and internationally."



Saviour of the festivities" of the 400th anniversary of Quebec City, Daniel Gélinas has long promoted the province's tourism and cultural development by managing, organizing or presenting cultural and other events. A former linchpin of the Festival d'été de Québec (FEQ), he has made this outdoor musical event one of the most important in the world. In the capital, Mr. Gélinas has also been involved, with his FEQ team, in the realization of high-level cultural events, including large-scale exhibitions, extraordinary shows, the unmissable Bordeaux Wine Festival in Quebec City and the historic 2017 naval rendez-vous, with stopovers in six provinces.

Awarded **Knight of l'Ordre de Quebec (CQ)** in 2018 as the Kingpin of Quebec Summer Festival and as the General Manager of the 400th anniversary of Quebec City.

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

JAMES, Ruth	MSC	CG: 30 March 2024
Mrs	North Saanich, British Columbia	GH: 15 January 2024
Member of the Board of The African Children's Book Box Society		DOI: 2023

PEARSON, Elizabeth Anne	MSC	CG: 30 March 2024
Ms	Victoria, British Columbia	GH: 15 January 2024
Founded the African Children's Book Box in Kenya	**Deceased**	DOI: 1990

"The late Anne Pearson founded the African Children's Book Box Society to provide culturally relevant books for schools in Kenya. She and her lifelong friend Ruth James helped students learn about their culture through literature, and extended the society's reach to Tanzania. They also spearheaded infrastructure projects such as libraries, classrooms and a health clinic. Their dedicated efforts led to profound change in several East African communities."



Ruth James, a retired schoolteacher Ruth put her talents to good use when she joined the board of directors of The African Children's Book Box Society. The African Children's Book Box Society was founded in Nairobi, Kenya in 1991. Their main purpose is to support and increase literacy in Africa by providing children with their own stories and literature written by African authors. They do this by putting together and distributing portable libraries of African books in the form of "Book Boxes" to African schools.

Aside from her fundraising activities in Canada, Ruth and her friend Anne Pearson (also a retired teacher and director of the charity) visit Tanzania each spring to work on projects there. They spearheaded the construction and equipping of a school library for a remote village school and have several other educational and aid projects in the works as well. One of their latest efforts is the launch of a school lunch program for the impoverished and hungry children who attend that school.

She wrote a book called "A Little Elephant, Brave". While written to create African literature for African children, the book's relevance is universal.



Anne Pearson started the African Children's Book Box society in Kenya in 1990 when she discovered a need for locally written and published books in local schools. Over the past 15 years ABB has expanded to Tanzania where it supports a diversity of education and health initiatives.

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

LUNNEY, Robert Francis MSC CG: 30 March 2024
Chief of Police – Edmonton and Peel Police Calgary, Alberta GH: 15 January 2024
Modernize policing models and opened the door to new initiatives DOI: 1953 to 2012

"Retired chief of police Robert Lunney is dedicated to improving Canada's police forces. Throughout his career, he identified ways to modernize policing models and opened the door to new initiatives. He promotes the advancement of policing as a profession and showcases Canada as leader in law enforcement and community safety."



After his 44-year policing career, including 23 years as a police chief and a further 18-years as an international policing consultant, one could easily write volumes about. Robert Lunney.
He began his policing career with the RCMP in Winnipeg in 1953.
A Superintendent, he retired from the RCMP in 1974 in Ontario, the Yukon, Alberta and Ottawa
He was hired in 1974 at the Edmonton Chief of Police and stayed until 1987.
Back in his native Winnipeg, he was hired as the Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture, overseeing the police, fire and ambulance services, parks and recreation and the cultural grants departments from 1987 to 1990.
From 1990 to 1997, he was the Chief of Police of the Peel Regional Police in Ontario.
For the next 18 years he travelled further afield, working as a policing consultant in the United States, Ireland, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Hong Kong and Jamaica. He also regularly contributed to during this time, acting as the command officer consultant. In 2012 he published his book "Parting Shots: My Passion for Policing".

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

MACKEY, Julia Mary	MSC	CG:	30 March 2024
Ms	Wells, British Columbia	GH:	15 January 2024
Wrote the Book and Play *Jake's Gift* about a Canadian veteran who returns to Juno Beach		DOI:	August 2006

> "Julia Mackey is the playwright and performer of Jake's Gift, a multi-award-winning play about a Canadian veteran who returns to Juno Beach. Since 2007, this artistic commemoration of Canada's important role in the Normandy landings has been presented to thousands across Canada and abroad in both English and French."

A writer from Wells, British Columbia. She wrote the play and book *Jake's Gift.* It is a multi-award-winning Canadian play about a World War II veteran's reluctant return to Normandy, France, for the 60th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Julia Mackey, MSC



Julia Mackey was born in Birmingham, England. Her family moved to Canada when she was three years old. She grew up in Montreal, and received a Bachelor of Education degree from McGill University before heading out west in 1993 to pursue a career in Theatre.

In 1995, she started writing and performing her own work with the innovative Victoria based company, Theatre SKAM.

In August 2012, Julia received a a Betty Mitchell Calgary Theatre Award for Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Drama. *Jake's Gift* was also nominated for Outstanding Production.

Over the past 25 years, Julia has worked on over 50 theatre productions in theatres across Canada. Some favourite roles include 'Sally' in Electric Company Theatre's, *All the Way Home,* 'Gwendolyn' in Chemainus Theatre Festival's, *The Odd Couple*, and 'Puck' in a The Whistlepig Players' outdoor production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in Barkerville, BC.

She is a Member of Canadian Actors' Equity Association and UBCP/ACTRA

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

MARINIC, Ornella Marina	MSC	CG:	30 March 2024
Ms – Registered Nurse and Master's degree Social Work	Dundas, Ontario	GH:	15 January 2024
Established Femme International, a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering gender equity		DOI:	2013

RUBLI, Serena	MSC	CG:	30 March 2024
Ms	Oxford Mills, Ontario	GH:	15 January 2024
Established Femme International, a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering gender equity		DOI:	2013

"Ornella Marinic and Sabrina Rubli founded the non-profit Femme International, which provides women in East Africa with education and sustainable products to independently manage their menstrual cycles. Thanks to their efforts, more than 16 000 kits have been distributed, enabling girls to stay in school and participate in community activities."

Together, in 2013, they established Femme International, a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering gender equity and access to education through the provision of menstrual health and hygiene resources and programming. To date, Femme has reached over 20,00 beneficiaries and runs programmes throughout Kenya and Tanzania.

Presented on 08 May 2024



Serena Rubli, MSC – GG – Ornella Marina Marinic MSC

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

McPEAK, Susan	MSC	CG: 30 March 2024
Ms	Montréal, Quebec	GH: 19 March 2024
McPeak-Sirois Group one of the largest Breast Cancer Clinical Research Groups in Canada		DOI: 2015

SIROIS, Charles	**CM CQ MSC**	CG: 30 March 2024
Mr	Montréal, Quebec	GH: 19 March 2024
McPeak-Sirois Group one of the largest Breast Cancer Clinical Research Groups in Canada		DOI: 2015

"Susan McPeak and Charles Sirois play an important role in the fight against breast cancer by facilitating patient access to and participation in clinical research trials in the various regions of Quebec. Through their initiative, the most advanced and innovative treatments are now available to hundreds of patients, particularly those living outside the major centres of Montréal and Québec, for whom such care may have seemed out of reach prior to the creation of the McPeak-Sirois Group. The McPeak-Sirois Group is recognized as one of the largest breast cancer clinical research consortiums in Canada."

The McPeak-Sirois Group for Clinical Research in Breast Cancer is a charitable organization bringing together public health organisations in Quebec. It was launched in 2015 by Susan McPeak, survivor and Charles Sirois, a renowned entrepreneur and caregiver to his wife. In just a few years, the McPeak-Sirois Group has become one of the most important breast cancer clinical research consortiums in Canada.



McPeak·Sirois
Clinical research in breast cancer
Research that cares

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

ZIV, Maayan Miryam MSC CG: 30 March 2024
Ms Toronto, Ontario GH: 15 January 2024
Founder and CEO of AccessNow – how to access businesses, public spaces & parks DOI: 2009



"Maayan Ziv is the founder of AccessNow, a platform that uses crowdsourced information to rate and map the accessibility of businesses, public spaces and parks. Her personal experience with muscular dystrophy inspired Maayan to tackle the limitations of inaccessible spaces by developing a resource that empowers people to navigate the world freely and independently. In use in more than 100 countries, AccessNow remains an essential tool in identifying and removing barriers."

Maayan is an Entrepreneur and Disability Activist. After graduating with a Masters in Digital Media from Toronto Metropolitan University in 2015, she launched AccessNow, a social enterprise that shares information about the accessibility of places worldwide. As CEO, Maayan has created a powerful shift in thinking about the importance of accessibility, from accessible technologies to infrastructure, public policy, media and more. An internationally acclaimed voice for the disability rights movement, Maayan's leadership has been recognized with several awards including Canada's Top 40 under 40, MIT'S Top 35 Innovators under 35, the Governor General's Innovation Award, Toronto's Communicator of the Year Award, and WXN's Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada.



Medals: MSC (civil) – EIIR Diamond Jubilee



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

ARMOUR, Norman Angus | MSC | CG: 08 February 2025
Mr | Vancouver, British Columbia | GH: 09 July 2024
Co-Founded PuSh Arts Festival in Winnipeg | **Died** | DOI: 2005

DUNN, Katrina Maureen | MSC | CG: 08 February 2025
Ms | Winnipeg, Manitoba | GH: 09 July 2024
Co-Founded PuSh Arts Festival in Winnipeg | | DOI: 2005



"In 2005, Katrina Dunn and the late Norman Armour co-founded The PuSh International Performing Arts Festival. Delivering radical, innovative and contemporary works of live art by acclaimed local, national and international artists, this signature event attracts more than 18 000 guests annually."

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COOPER, Donald M. | MSC | CG: 08 February 2025
Mr | Stoney Creek, Ontario | GH: 04 July 2024
Crucial role in the establishment of the Juno Beach Centre in France | | DOI: 6 June 2003 opened

"Donald Cooper has played a crucial role in the establishment of the Juno Beach Centre in France. Through his dedicated leadership as President of the Juno Beach Centre Association, he has ensured that the memorial site continues to stand as a significant symbol of the contribution and sacrifice of Canadian soldiers during the Second World War."

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GROGAN-GREEN, Lisa Jane | MSC | CG: 08 February 2025
Ms | Toronto, Ontario | GH: 09 July 2024
Co-Chair of the Go Green Youth Center in Toronto | | DOI: May 2010 to 2024
Presented: 29 October 2026



"Lisa Grogan-Green has demonstrated exemplary leadership as co-chair of the Go Green Youth Centre, a not-for-profit organization empowering low-income and racialized youth through various sport, educational and career success programs. Her efforts resulted in millions of dollars being raised to revitalize the outdoor spaces of Canada's largest middle school."



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

NORRIS, Alan MSC CG: 08 February 2025
Mr Calgary, Alberta GH: 09 July 2024
Led the RESOLVE fundraising campaign for affordable Housing DOI: 2017 to 2024

"Through seven years of exceptional leadership, Alan Norris led the RESOLVE capital fundraising campaign in Calgary. Thanks to his dedication, over $75 million was raised, and nine social agencies were able to build new affordable housing with support services for 2 200 vulnerable community members."

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SARIFFODEEN, Melissa MSC CG: 08 February 2025
Ms London, Ontario GH: 03 July 2024
Co-Founder of Canada Learning Code which champions Computer Science Education DOI: November 2018

"Melissa Sariffodeen is the Co-Founder and CEO of Canada Learning Code, a not-for-profit organization championing computer science education and providing Canadians further technical opportunities in an increasingly digital world. Through her remarkable leadership and innovation, the organization has grown to national heights, impacting hundreds of thousands of learners across the country."



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

SHUGART, Ian Douglas | MSC | CG: 08 February 2025
Honourable – Former Clerk of the Privy Council | Ottawa, Ontario | GH: 20 August 2024
Call to action on Anti-Racism in Government | **Died** 25 October 2023 | DOI: 22 January 2021



"The late Ian Shugart, former clerk of the Privy Council, issued the first Call to Action on Anti-Racism, Equity and Inclusion in the Federal Public Service. Through his outstanding leadership, he sparked important discussions about the presence of systemic racism and discrimination in the public service and across Canada."

Became a Professor at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy in 2022 and was also appointed to the Senate of Canada that same year.

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SINCLAIR, Marilyn Ann Weiss | MSC | CG: 08 February 2025
Ms | Vaughan, Ontario | GH: 29 October 2026
Dedicated to advancing Holocaust education, she organized Liberation75 | | DOI: 2018



"Dedicated to advancing Holocaust education, Marilyn Sinclair organized Liberation75 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of liberation from the Holocaust. Over 130 online events and a film festival were attended by more than 55 000 participants. By remembering the victims and honouring survivors, Liberation75 helps preserve freedom, diversity, human rights and inclusion."

Liberation75 is a not-for-profit Holocaust education organization based in Toronto, Canada. It was initially founded to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust. The organization first gained recognition for organizing the largest virtual Global Gathering of Holocaust Survivors, Descendants, Educators, and Friends. Liberation75 also co-conducted a notable survey that accessed North American teenagers' Holocaust knowledge, thoughts, and related beliefs about antisemitism and for its involvement in collecting testimonies of survivors who immigrated to Canada after WWII. (from Wikipedia)

Presented 29 October 2026



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

TODD, Carol Ann MSC CG: 08 February 2025
Ms Port Coquitlam, BC GH: 11 July 2024
Founder Amanda Todd Legacy Society to Stop Cyberbullying DOI: 2012
Presented: 29 October 2026

"In 2012, Carol Todd founded the Amanda Todd Legacy Society, following the tragic death of her daughter. The non-profit organization helps at-risk youth find resources and assistance to cope with, and learn about, cyberbullying, mental health and internet safety, while drawing attention to the impact of online sexual exploitation."



Medals: MSC – KCIII Coronation



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NIAZI, Adeena **OOnt MSC** CG: 27 December 2025
Ms Toronto, Ontario GH:
Director, Afghan Women's Organization DOI: 1990

"Formerly a lecturer at Kabul University, Afghanistan, Adeena Niazi arrived in Canada in 1988 as a refugee. In 1990, she founded the Afghan Women's Organization (AWO). Under her leadership, the organization has been active in supporting newcomer women and their families, especially refugees who have experienced war and violence. The AWO, as one of only a few settlement agencies in Canada that are also a sponsorship agreement holder, has sponsored and successfully settled 1000s of refugees. Adeena has managed the AWO for over 33 years, first as president of the working board and then as Executive Director.



Awarded the **Order of Ontario (OOnt)** in 2007.

Medals: OOnt – MSC (civil) – EIIR Diamond Jubilee

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