



The Companion of CRC - Honours 4 Torontonians who go above and beyond

February 8, 2016. CRC is awarding four more very special people with The Companion of CRC. Inaugurated in 2014, The Companion of CRC acknowledges those people whose extraordinary gifts of time, money or expertise have made a significant difference to the work of CRC at 40 Oaks. Only five Companions can be awarded in any calendar year and the number of living Companions is limited to forty at any given time.

The 2015 Companions of CRC are:

John Metson – As the founding Executive Director of CRC in 1964, John initiated and built many of CRC’s cornerstone projects including affordable housing for those hardest to house, community based legal information, advocacy, health, and social service support programs. John’s vision for a ministry that would offer people resources to create change for themselves has led to the inclusive and hopeful community we now find at CRC.

Jannie Mills – An unwavering champion for social justice, it was through Jannie’s role as Chair of the Outreach Committee at St. James Bond United Church (before its amalgamation with Fairlawn Avenue United Church) that the very first major financial gift (\$1.5 million) came to CRC making the 40 Oaks dream of affordable housing possible. Jannie has served tirelessly on the CRC Board, the Advocacy Committee and the Human Resources Committee. As a role model for her colleagues throughout the community, Jannie continues to inspire others in all areas of social justice.

Phil Nazar – Phil’s extraordinary gift of listening to people in a nonjudgmental way throughout his 15 years as an employee of CRC has made him an impactful advocate for safe affordable housing. He has worked with the Daily Bread Food Bank, the Rooming House Working Group, and was instrumental in making the 40 Oaks housing community become a reality. Phil remains deeply committed to the Regent Park Community.

Marilyn Wright – Marilyn’s expertise as a fundraiser, organizer and community leader have benefitted CRC in many ways since 2008. Marilyn is a tireless volunteer, leading by example, recruiting from her vast community of personal and corporate contacts. She was instrumental in furnishing the apartments at 40 Oaks ensuring that CRC was constructing more than a building – but homes for those who needed them. Marilyn continues to give generously of her time, resources and enthusiasm on the Fund Development Committee, the Honorary Board, and the upcoming 2016 Building Lives Benefit.

“CRC is richer because of the dedication and contributions of these four Companions. It will be my honour to admit these individuals to the Companion of CRC,” stated The Most Reverend Lois Wilson, Chair of the Companion of CRC Nominating Committee. “Everyone that touches CRC and 40 Oaks contributes meaningfully to our CRC community. These four individuals set a high standard for us all as we act as stewards of the CRC vision.”

The 2015 nominees will be invested as Companions of CRC on April 14, 2016, during National Volunteer Week. The deadline for 2016 nominations is September 15. To read more click [here](#).

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