



CAMPAIGN CABINET

National Campaign Chair – Dave Lacey



Dave Lacey is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Brookfield RPS and responsible for developing and leading the company's business strategy. He also directly spearheads both domestic and international corporate development activities, supports business development efforts and leads the executive team. Dave serves on several boards such as the Enactus and Children's Wish Ontario boards. Dave holds a B.A. from the University of Western Ontario and is an MBA graduate from Wilfrid Laurier University. Dave, his wife Julie and two children live in Toronto. Dave has been happy to lend leadership to Children's Wish for 25 years, including raising \$450,000 through Children's Wish Ride-Along event and donating over \$150,000 through the Lacey family managed Doncaster Foundation.

British Columbia & Yukon Chair – Ernie Gauvreau



Ernie Gauvreau, has been the General Manager of Gowling WLG's law firm in Vancouver since 2005. He oversees all non-legal services provided within the Vancouver office as well as the business management of operations for the firm. Ernie has over 30 years of management experience in law firms, and has been involved in almost every service function associated with law firm operations.

He is an active coach, runner and cyclist, who truly takes advantage of the best of the west coast. Ernie was introduced to Children's Wish via his firm's participation in Exile Island and has since joined the Chapter Advisory Board, becoming a valuable advocate for the joy of a wish.

Saskatchewan Co-Chairs - Joe Tindall & Carla Loney-Tindall



Joe is the former President and owner of Nexus Ag and now the Managing Director of Nexus Ag - A Division of Univar. Joe has enjoyed a long and successful career in Agriculture working with manufacturers, retailers, growers, and industry leaders across Canada and the United States.

As the former Saskatchewan Chapter Director of Children's Wish, Carla has never stopped being passionate about children and their wishes. She brings a wealth of experience from her roles as Campaign Director of the Remail Art Gallery that successfully raised \$20 million and following that as the Executive Director of the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation.

Carla and Joe proudly support the Chapter with ongoing annual donations and corporate sponsorship of the Annual Swing and a Wish Golf Tournament.

Manitoba Chair – Sara Orlesky



Sara Orlesky, reporter at The Sports Network (TSN), is a television broadcaster that has been working in Canadian sports television since 2002. During that time she has covered a wide range of sports and major events including numerous World Junior Hockey Championships, Grey Cup Playoffs, as well as the 2010 Olympics. She is a member of the CTV/TSN figure skating broadcast crew and can regularly be seen on “CFL on TSN” and “Jets on TSN” broadcasts.

When the NHL returned to Winnipeg in 2011, Sara and her family elected to return to their hometown so she could start up TSN’s Winnipeg bureau.

Sara first became involved with Children’s Wish in Manitoba in 2014.

Ontario Co-Chair – Jonathan Hughes



Jonathan Hughes is a Founder at Assent Compliance Inc. Assent Compliance is an international corporation with five offices and over 200 employees across the globe. They help companies meet global regulatory challenges ranging from compliance with restricted substances lists, to ethical sourcing, supplier data procurement and validation, inspections, deploying and collecting surveys and much more.

He has been involved in philanthropy in various ways for his entire life, and more recently has had a special interest with The Children’s Wish Foundation of Canada. In 2016, Jonathan and his team from Assent Compliance helped grant 2 wishes in their first time joining the event. Jonathan is the proud father of a beautiful 5 year old girl, and together they have attended Children’s Wish Princess Party as well.

Jonathan is very proud to support Children’s Wish, and is looking forward to working together with staff and our amazing volunteers to grant heartfelt wishes, and help create the magic of a wish.

Quebec Co-Chair – Nancy Paquet



Mrs. Paquet was named Vice-President, Partnership banking, in March 2015, after being the President of National Bank Direct Brokerage for more than 3 years.

Mrs. Paquet is a lawyer and financial planner with an MBA from HEC Montreal. She has over 20 years of experience in financial services, strategic management, business development and coaching. Nancy is involved in various boards of directors, including the Association of Quebec Women in Finance, for which she is also co-director of the Membership committee. She also sits on the board of directors of the HEC Montreal Foundation and Théâtre Jean Duceppe Foundation. In April 2013, she received the Rising Star award from the Association of Quebec Women in Finance, and was acknowledged as one of the eight top women in finance in Quebec by *Premières en Affaires* magazine in October 2013.

Nancy began volunteering with the campaign this year, as our senior contact with new partner National Bank, which gave a \$ 100,000 gift.

Quebec Co-Chair – Claude Paquin



In June 2011, after 25 years with the company, Claude Paquin was appointed President, Investors Group Financial Services, Quebec. As such, he oversees the 19 regional offices of Investors Group in Quebec that include more than 944 advisors and the activities of the Quebec General Office which employs over 200 people.

Mr. Paquin is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Conseil des fonds d'investissement du Québec (CFIQ), the Quebec voice of the Investment Funds Institute of Canada (IFIC), an organisation of which he is also a director. In addition, he serves on the boards of the Montreal Heart Institute and of the Investors Group Chair in Financial Planning at Laval University in Quebec City. He is very involved in the community and has always been involved with youth.

Prince Edward Island Chair – Kent Scales



Kent Scales is the CEO of The Scales Group of Companies. He is involved in many businesses across Prince Edward Island including Robin's Donuts, Service Master, Kensington Agricultural Services, Advantage Communications and many more. He also maintains investments in numerous "startups" and is known as a generous and supportive mentor to many aspiring entrepreneurs in the province.

In 2014, Kent was named Prince Edward Island's "Entrepreneur of the Year". Some of his past leadership roles include CEO PEI Business Development, Deputy Minister of Tourism, President of the Charlottetown Chamber of Commerce, Chair of the Red Cross Capital Campaign and the past Commodore of the Charlottetown Yacht Club. Kent is an active, longstanding leadership volunteer with Children's Wish and the Vice Chair of the Prince Edward Island Chapter Advisory Board.

Kent and his wife, Inger, are the proud parents of two girls ages 8 and 6 and are life-long residents of Prince Edward Island.

Nova Scotia Co-Chairs – Dr. Howard and Karen Conter



Dr. Conter is a prominent local physician in Halifax, NS who has been practising for close to thirty years and frequently comments on medical issues in the community. He has been an active leadership volunteer with Children's Wish, co-chairing the successful "Exile" event for a number of years.

Karen continues the Abramsky Family approach to philanthropy (her maiden name) by organizing events and other charitable involvements (such as the Tema Conter dinner in memory of Dr. Howard's sister.) The Conters are major supporters of Children's Wish and believe in the power of a heart-felt wish.

Newfoundland & Labrador Chair – Len Simms



Len Simms is a former MHA and a public servant recently retired from being the Chairman and CEO of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, a provincial crown corporation.

Len brings a wealth of experience and leadership to Children's Wish. Simms was the Progressive Conservative Member of the House of Assembly from 1979-1995 for Grand Falls Windsor-Buchans. He served as the Speaker of the House of Assembly from 1979-1982. Mr. Simms served as Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth, Forestry Minister and Treasury Board President.

Len is a major contributor to Children's Wish Foundation, personally granting over seven wishes. He is the Immediate Past Chair of Chapter Advisory Board.