

THE BAYVIEW YARDS

Steve West, Chair of Bayview Yards, Receives the Governor General's Sovereign Medal for Volunteers

May 17, 2017; Ottawa, Ontario: Bayview Yards, Ottawa's one-stop business acceleration shop, applauds Steve West, Chair of Bayview Yards and Past Chair of the Ottawa Hospital Foundation, on his recent receipt of the Governor General's Sovereign Medal for Volunteers. This prestigious award recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields. As an official Canadian honour, the Medal pays tribute to the dedication and exemplary commitment of volunteers.

The Right Honorable Beverley McLachlin, Chief Justice of Canada, presided over the official awards ceremony on April 26, 2017 at The Ottawa Hospital (TOH) as part of National Volunteer Week. Together with Dr. Jack Kitts, President and CEO of TOH, and Tim Kluge, President and CEO of The Ottawa Hospital Foundation, she recognized the tremendous contribution of 20 Ottawa individuals who volunteer with TOH or The Ottawa Hospital Foundation in the community.

The Chief Justice presented this honour to Steve West, who has contributed leadership and expertise to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation and its stakeholders since 2006. In addition to his role as Past Chair of the Foundation, Steve has also served as Chair of the Ottawa Hospital Gala, and as Co-Chair of the Foundations 20-20 Fundraising Campaign, which raised \$24 million in just 20 months to build a new cancer centre.

This award underscores Steve's longstanding commitment to the Ottawa community, and builds on more than 30 years of leadership in health care philanthropy and industry. A highly active and dedicated volunteer in the regional and national community, Steve also currently serves as Chair of Bayview Yards, the first entrepreneurial hub and one-stop business acceleration shop of its kind in the Ottawa Region; as a Director of the Ottawa Hospital Foundation, and as a Member of the Ottawa 2017 Task Force.

"It is truly an honour to receive the Sovereign Medal, and contribute to such an important institution within our community," said Steve West, recipient of the Sovereign Medal for Volunteers. "As the largest acute care hospital in Canada, The Ottawa Hospital is focused on delivering world-class care to its patients and championing cutting-edge research, while the Foundation supports patient-centered care and clinical research. This powerful combination is improving the quality of healthcare, and the lives of the many people who rely on it. I am truly proud of what the hospital has to offer, and the significant impact it has on our community." Steve West, Past Chair and Director of The Ottawa Hospital Foundation.

"It has been a privilege to collaborate with Steve West on shared objectives for more than 10 years," said Dr. Jack Kitts, President and CEO of The Ottawa Hospital. "He is an exemplary leader and individual who gives generously of his expertise and time to our hospital and foundation, propelling our collective success."

This includes co-leading a critical fundraising campaign that enabled the establishment of our world-class cancer centre, the second-largest cancer services provider in Ontario, which sees more than 200,000 patient visits a year. Steve's contributions will impact patients, physicians and our community for generations to come."

"I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Steve West, an outstanding innovation, business and philanthropic leader, who has given tirelessly to our region over the last few decades, said the Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General of Ontario. "This prestigious award is a fitting recognition of Steve's commitment to our community."

About the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields. Candidates for this recognition must demonstrate an exemplary commitment through dedicated volunteerism. As an official Canadian honour, the Medal for Volunteers incorporates and replaces the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award. The Medal builds on the legacy and spirit of the Caring Canadian Award by honouring the dedication and commitment of volunteers. The Chancellery of Honours, part of the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, administers the program and receives all nominations. Each one is carefully researched and then reviewed by an advisory committee, which makes recommendations to the Governor General. The selection process is non-partisan and merit-based. Presentation ceremonies are held throughout the year in communities across Canada. For additional information on the Sovereign Medal, please visit: <https://www.gg.ca/document.aspx?id=16147&lan=eng>

About Steve West

Steve West is President of Westmax Group Inc., a strategic advisory practice launched on the heels of his successful 11-year tenure as the Chief Executive Officer of Nordion Inc. (formerly MDS Inc.), a global health science firm with market leading products for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease. As a leading provider of sterilization technologies and medical isotopes, Nordion benefits the lives of millions of people in more than 40 countries around the world. Undertaking the role of Nordion CEO in 2003, Mr. West led the company for more than a decade, helping to facilitate its acquisition by Sterigenics, a global provider of innovation and safe sterilization solutions, in 2014. This landmark deal created the first vertically integrated sterilization company in the world, and enabled Nordion to operate as a standalone business within the Sterigenic's portfolio. Prior to joining MDS Inc. and Nordion Inc., Mr. West served as senior partner with MDS Capital Corp., providing support to more than 70 portfolio companies. He also held the role of President of DiverseyLever Canada, and served on the Board Directors of Unilever Canada. Mr. West is an active member in the regional and national community, currently serving as Chair of Bayview Yards; past Chair and Director of the Ottawa Hospital Foundation; and as a member of the Ottawa 2017 Task Force. Mr. West has a degree in Zoology, specializing in Genetics, from the University of London (U.K.), and completed post-graduate research in Biotechnology at the University of Westminster (U.K.).

About The Ottawa Hospital

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research helps us develop new and innovative ways to treat patients and improve care. As a multi-campus hospital affiliated with the University of Ottawa, we deliver specialized care to the Eastern Ontario region, but our techniques and research discoveries are adopted around the world. We engage the community at all levels to support our vision for better patient care. From the compassion of our people to the relentless pursuit of new discoveries, The Ottawa Hospital never stops seeking solutions to the most complex health-care challenges. For more information about The Ottawa Hospital, please visit ohfoundation.ca

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