

2019 VOscars Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Dennis Jackson

For over 30 years, Dennis has demonstrated his commitment to giving back to the community through his leadership and involvement with a wide range of non-profits, charities, health, educational and cultural institutions and fundraising organizations.

He was Chair of the Board of Directors United Way Centraide Canada and is currently a Board member. He served as a Board member of the Ottawa Hospital Foundation and the Youth Services Bureau Foundation. He was Chair of the Board of United Way Centraide Ottawa and Vice-Chair Experiences Canada (SEVEC). Dennis sat on the Board of the Great Canadian Theatre Company, was Chair of the Campaign Cabinet of United Way Ottawa, served on the Sprott Business School Advisory Board (Carleton University) and the Advisory Board of the Telus Motorcycle Ride for Dad, and served as Co-Chair of the Employer Council of Champions, Hire Immigrants Ottawa. He currently serves as a member of the Telus Ottawa Community Investment Board and as Past Chair United Way Centraide Canada.



Dennis' recognitions include being awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award, the Chair's Award of Distinction from United Way Centraide Canada, the St. Joes' Women's Centre Quality of Life Award, Volunteer of the Year Award and Community Builder Award from United Way Centraide Ottawa, the Angel Award from the Youville Centre and the Senate of Canada's 150th Anniversary Medal.

Dennis recently retired after 43 years of service as Vice-President, Scotiabank, Ottawa and West Quebec. He was responsible for successfully leading the Retail and Small Business Sales Teams. Previous postings across Ontario and Nova Scotia included assignments in Commercial Marketing, Credit and Human Resources including senior positions in the Toronto Head Office. He is bilingual and obtained his MBA at Dalhousie University. He is a Certified Financial Planner, has his designation as a Personal Financial Planner and is a Fellow of the Institute of Canadian Bankers. He and his wife Dorothy reside in Ottawa. They have four adult children and nine grandchildren who fortunately also reside in Ottawa.