



Our Stories
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Beyond the Balance Sheet: The Business of Community

Kevin Travers didn't join the Caledon Community Services (CCS) board in 2010 to take over the books. He started on the Finance Committee but says he "really just wanted to help." By the end of his ten-year term, CCS leaders spoke of him with deep appreciation. Former Volunteer Specialist Andrea Coles called him "a model of goodness," while former CEO Monty Laskin said he was "a stand-up guy who always made time for the work of CCS."

As a CPA and audit partner at KPMG, Kevin works with governments and nonprofits to ensure accurate financial reporting and share strategic advice – expertise he brought to CCS and freely shared with his peers. In so

doing, he levelled up the capacity of the entire board, his calm presence and quiet commitment having a significant impact on the community. A longtime Caledon resident, proud husband and father, Kevin believes giving back is a vital part of being a good neighbour – something he learned early.

Picture Kevin as a young kid playing minor sports. That's when he noticed how coaches gave their time without expecting anything in return. That lesson stuck. By 17, he was coaching his own baseball team. By grade nine, he had set his sights on accounting – a field that gave him the tools to support the causes he cares about.

When acting treasurer Dave Lostchuk passed away suddenly in 2017, Kevin stepped in. What followed was more than a title change. During his tenure, CCS launched the Small Business Enterprise Centre, the Passenger Assistant Program, and expanded both Evolve Caledon and the Exchange, Caledon's Hub & full-service food bank. CCS also became the first local agency to earn CARF accreditation, with Kevin helping ensure they met the governance standards needed for key government funding.

His financial skills proved vital behind the scenes – not just in reporting, but in teaching. Kevin created custom presentations to help fellow board members understand nonprofit financials in plain language. “Kevin’s been a good finance teacher for the entire Board,” said Gurvinder

Chopra at the 2022 AGM.

Kevin’s service mindset extends beyond the boardroom. He is open about his twelve-year sobriety journey, and shares it to promote humility, accountability, and compassion. “Service is part of how I stay grounded,” he says. That spirit earned deep respect. Carine Strong, a well-known figure in Caledon’s volunteer community, said, “It’s no surprise he won the Bonnie Yagar Award (for Outstanding Board Leadership).” Volunteer MBC presented him with that honour in 2019, and then in 2021 he was also awarded a CCS Honorary Life Membership.

Kevin is quick to deflect credit though. He sees himself as one of many. For him, the greatest reward was being part of the collaborative culture at CCS, where shared service ripples outward to create lasting community change.



LIFE HERO

CAST

KEVIN TRAVERS
Honorary Life Member (2021)

KEVIN'S FAMILY

MONTY LASKIN
Former CCS CEO

ANDREA COLES
Former CCS Volunteer Specialist

GURVINDER CHOPRA
Former CCS Board Member

CARINE STRONG
CCS Board Member

COMMUNITY IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS*

*Statistics referencing 2020-2021 Community Impact Report

3,090

Volunteer hours

100%

of essential needs
rides were provided

459

Children supported

Kevin helped shape CCS from the inside out.
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