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Jordaan makes difference in lives of seniors

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A longtime Mississauga resident has been honoured for his valuable services to seniors and making a difference in their lives.

Mississauga's Bernard Jordaan, 77, recently received the Ontario Seniors Achievement Award from the province's Lt.-Gov. Elizabeth Dowdeswell and Minister for Seniors Mario Sergio in a ceremony at Queen's Park on Nov. 26.

"I feel very honoured and humbled because there are thousands of seniors doing the same thing that I have been doing to make a difference in the community," said Jordaan. "I feel so proud to receive this award."

Jordaan, a resident of Mississauga for the past 30 years, has served as president of

the Meadowvale Senior's Social Club since 2005. He has worked tirelessly to gain support and access to key services for seniors to live actively and independently.

"I don't do things to be recognized, I do things to make a difference in the community. I am happy that I have certain skills that I can use to promote issues facing seniors in ... society," said Jordaan, who also served as president of the United Senior Citizens of Ontario. He worked closely with all levels of government on issues affecting seniors across the province.



Bernard Jordaan

The results are a new ombudsman for health care and long-term care, a new grant program for seniors, and a pilot project recently launched in Northern Ontario for seniors in rural and remote communities. The program allows them to stay in their homes as long as possible.

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