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Developer Iggy Kaneff gets citizenship award

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One of 24 Canadians honored

"You never know who's watching you, so make sure you're doing something good."

So says Iggy Kaneff.

And it is that motto which has earned the Mississauga developer a major national award.

Kaneff, along with 24 other Canadians, has received a Citation for Citizenship Award, a honor bestowed by the federal government to recognize the voluntary dedication and

achievement of those who support Canadian citizenship.

The award was given to Kaneff for his continual work on various community projects and specifically for his involvement in helping immigrants to settle in Canada and through his work with the Kaneff Charitable Foundation.

Ceremonies were held in Ottawa yesterday as part of National Citizenship Week with Multiculturalism and Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner presenting the award.

On Monday, Kaneff said he was "thrilled" to receive the award and proud to be considered as one who helps others.

He added that it is the duty of all citizens to put as much back into the community as they take out and that is something he has lived by since coming to this country in the 1950s.

"You have to do something for the community, you have to make some sort of an investment, not only for yourself but for future generations," said Kaneff.

He said the urge to help out first hit him strong in 1955 when fundraising began to build Mississauga Hospital.

"I knew a hospital was important, we needed one here," Kaneff said.



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"So I went and borrowed \$2,000 from a bank just so I could make a donation — it was something I felt I had to do. And I still feel the same way."

And Kaneff certainly doesn't miss any opportunity to promote the current fundraising campaign run under the auspices of the Kaneff Charitable Foundation.

He said the Erindale College campaign needs \$3 to \$4 million to build a new wing on the university campus and—that is the type of project the community should support.