

Rags to riches developer Kaneff wins medal for his philanthropy

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In 1951, Ignat Kaneff arrived in Canada facing an uncertain future and with little to his name but ambition and a desire to succeed.

His arrival was greeted by people who gave him a hand, landing him a job and helping him get oriented to his new surroundings.

"When I came here, people helped me and I vowed I would do the same for others," said Kaneff who has been named a recipient of the prestigious Canada 125 medal from the Canadian government.

Kaneff is one of 39 Mississaugans and 40,000 extraordinary Canadians being recognized for their outstanding contributions to their fellow Canadians, community and country.

On Dec. 11 Kaneff, one of Mississauga's leading developers, was presented with his medal by MP Dr. Bob Horner.

Kaneff, who dedicates up to 25 per cent of each working day to volunteering, believes firmly that people are among Canada's greatest resources, and in that belief he has worked hard in hand with many newcomers to the country.



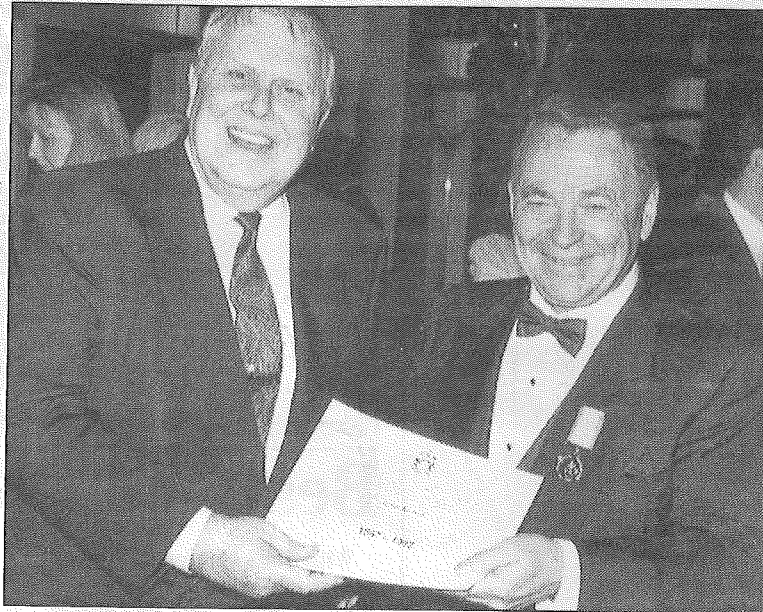
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"I do my best to find them jobs. Over 90 per cent of the people want to work and when they work they feel better about themselves, they are better

citizens," he said.

Kaneff has also been instrumental in other community projects, including fundraising \$3 million for the University of Toronto's Erindale College. Community Living Mississauga, which helps people with disabilities live independently and area hospitals have also been beneficiaries of Kaneff's altruism.

Other locals also being honored



Ignat Kaneff accepts his Canada 125 medal from Mississauga West MP Dr. Bob Horner.

with the medal are; Mississauga developer Harold Shipp, Mississauga firefighter Marty Goodkey, Scott Williams, Mississauga City Councillor David Culham, David Irwin, Streetsville Secondary School's Philip Houston, Environmentalist John Snobelen, Meadowvale Secondary School Principal Arnie Ford, Peel School



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Board Trustee Ruth Thompson, Denise McGarvey, retired Fire Chief Gord Bentley, Mississauga Hydro Commissioner Donna Howard, Marguerita Almeida, Eleanor Harper, Erindale College's Holly Benson, Lawyer Nancy Mossip, William Bateman, Olympic bronze medalist Silken Laumann, Lois Gibson, City Councillor Ted Southorn, retired Peel Police Chief

Bill Teggart, Sharon Power, Mississauga Synchronized Swimming Association President Karen Panzer, the Mississauga Soccer Club's Joseph Martino, Streetsville/Meadowvale Baseball Association President Jack Duff, the Mississauga Rambler's Cricket Club's Geoffrey Edwards, Dr. Kieth MacDonald,



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Mississauga Symphony Director John Barnum, Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion, Archie Turner, Louis Villeaneau, Erindale College Principal Desmond Morton, Bernice Kwong, Peter Martin, Ontario Association of Community Living President Cheryl Easton, David Doncaster, retired Peel Police Deputy Chief Bert Collins and Don Rowing Club coach Fred Loek.