

Developer honoured by CLM for decades of support

Peel Bios

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Ignat Kaneff has been helping Community Living Mississauga for more than four decades and, tonight, the organization will get a chance to give a heartfelt thank you to its benefactor.

Each year, CLM, which supports more than 2,300 individuals who have an intellectual disability and their families, picks a deserving person to be feted at its annual tribute dinner. This year, that person is Kaneff and he's being recognized for his decades of work in Peel with a lifetime achievement tribute.

Kaneff is a major player in Peel's real estate and development industry as CEO and chairman of the Kaneff Group of Companies. The company's real estate holdings include

homes, apartment buildings, retail plazas, office buildings and golf courses.

He arrived in Canada in 1951 and purchased a single lot to build his home. Five years later, he built 27 houses in Mississauga and has seen his company continue to grow ever since.

He also has a strong philanthropic side with his I. Kaneff Charitable Foundation.

Kaneff has been supporting CLM for more than 40 years with proceeds from his annual fundraising golf tournament.

More than 800 tickets have already been sold for the event, which includes a dinner and live entertainment.

There will also be guest speakers, including former Ontario premier William Davis, plus current and former Mis-

missauga mayors Bonnie Crombie and Hazel McCallion, among others, sharing their memories about Kaneff.

Money raised from the dinner will be used by CLM to send children and teens with intellectual disabilities to camp programs this summer.

Meanwhile, being honoured for his work in the community is nothing new for the Bulgarian-born developer and builder.

Last year, he was one of six new inductees into Mississauga's Legends Row, an annual awards ceremony that recognizes noteworthy residents. He was also presented with an Honorary Degree of Applied Studies last year from Sheridan College.

The annual tribute dinner has raised more than \$1.9 million since its inception more than thirty years ago.



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