



**DAVE SMITH**

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE...  
A DIFFERENCE BEYOND MEASURE.**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



Jean Chrétien



Carson, Liberace & René Simard



Chinese President

David Smith was born in Ottawa to Russian-Jewish immigrant parents who chose to settle in Canada to give their children a better future. He was raised and educated in Ottawa, Ontario, where he has continued to live. His early employment, along with his 13 brothers and sisters, was in his father's shoe repair store in lower town. David has become well known for his commitment to his community and its well being. He credits his parents with having instilled in him the gift of giving early in life, particularly for those who are the most disadvantaged in the community.

This has been a particular inspiration throughout his life.

David's boundless enthusiasm and unshaken belief in mankind represents the key ingredients to his incredible success in gathering like-minded people around an issue or a cause to change things and improve the lives of others. His passionate commitment to the various causes and fundraising on their behalf in Canada and elsewhere in the world has **raised over One Hundred and Forty Million Dollars** for these organizations.

One of his proudest achievements is the establishment of the David Smith Youth Centre. A youth drug and alcohol treatment centre in Ottawa. The centre is dedicated to the treatment and rehabilitation of young people between the ages of 13 and 18. When the centre was founded, there was no treatment or rehabilitation available for this age group in the region.

In addition to his commitment to the National Capital area, David was one of the first private individuals to publicly address the hopelessness and sense of defeat suffered by the young people of Davis Inlet, Labrador, and set about establishing a drug/alcohol treatment program to resolve the problems.

His caring for young people is not limited to those with addiction problems. David realized that training facilities were not available for young people to obtain any type of light skills or job training if they were not computer interested. His approach was unconventional and some would call it "very daring". He set about to finding a central Ottawa location and focused on McArthur Road High School, which had been closed.

Today. The highly successful **Ottawa Technical Learning Centre**, with its “Learn To Earn” training program is the daily destination for over 900 students enrolled in a range of courses unavailable to them elsewhere.

In light of the enormous success of the Ottawa Technical Training Centre, the concept is sought after by other regions in Canada as well as other countries in west Africa, south Africa and Afghanistan. There, likeminded individuals are working to bring the concept to their country along with their hope for change, employment and wellness for the young people of the community as a whole. It is a testament to the success of the concept that this technical-school-training concept is being duplicated on several continents. Through David’s vision and steadfast determination a solution was found and put into action.

In addition to his philanthropic achievements, he is a distinguished businessman by applying the same energy and commitment. His primary business has been in the restaurant and catering industry and he has also been an active investor in various other businesses such as real estate and software development firms. He applies his trademark “can do” attitude to his business life as well as his philanthropic works.

David has founded or co-founded many charitable organizations that are all characterized as making significant positive impacts upon the disadvantaged people who have sought their assistance, including:

- Conceptualized and launched SONG (Save Our Native Grandchildren), a national fundraising initiative to build a 2.2 million multi-purpose sports facility which includes a drug and alcohol treatment centre for Davis Inlet, Labrador. This very remote settlement has suffered severely from high unemployment and a lack of socially beneficial programs.
- Spearheaded the development of an innovative concept entitled “The Door”. The project’s mandate is to stimulate, motivate and inspire young people to set achievable goals.
- The David Smith Centre, a youth drug and alcohol treatment centre located in Ottawa.



Chief of Police



Engelbert Humperdinck



Ginger Rogers



The hallmark of David's projects, whether a commitment to conduct a fundraiser or to participate in establishing an organization, is that he devotes his heart and soul to the project.

## **BUSINESS INTERESTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- 2003:** Opened The North Pole Restaurant in Hollywood, Florida, U.S.A.
- 2002:** Started Nate's Deli at Ottawa International Airport, Canada
- 1990:** Launched Nate's Deli, West Palm Beach, Florida, USA
- 1985:** Started Nate's Deli in Ottawa's Rideau Centre, Canada
- 1984:** Opened Nate's Deli, Santa Monica, California, U.S.A.
- 1969:** Launched The Place Next Door, a restaurant famous for steaks and seafood, Ottawa, Canada
- 1960:** Established a major catering business with the capacity to accommodate thousands of diners in one sitting with full-course dinner.
- 1959:** Introduced the first Nate's Deli, which expanded over the years from a small deli on Ottawa's Rideau Street to today's Ottawa landmark that sits 280 people.

The considerable reservoir of business acumen and know-how that is behind building and operating these businesses is on hand to serve all of David Smith's philanthropic and business projects.



Jim Durrell



Joe Clarke



John Turner

# PHILANTHROPIC INTERESTS AND BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- Abuta
- Algonquin College Advisory Committee
- Boy's and Girl's Club of Ottawa-Carleton
- Breast Cancer Action
- Canadian Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths
- Canadian Land Mines Foundation
- Canadian Museum of Nature
- Child Haven
- Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario - CHEO
  - Member of The Board 1987-92*
  - Chairman - Foundation Advisory Council*
- Children's Wish Foundation
- Civic Hospital - Ottawa Heart Institute
- Council For Skilled Careers
- Dare to Care Coach (Arnprior)
- David Smith Youth Treatment Centre
- David Smith Foundation for Youth
- Easter Seal Society
  - Honorary Chairman - Ottawa District*
- Friday's Child
- Friends in Sportfishing
- Friends of Museum of Civilization
- Friends of Tibet
- Health Partners (United Way)
  - Chairman 1992-96*
- Hug Your Heart Inc.
- Humanitarian Projects in Angola, Africa:
- Humane Society of Ottawa-Carleton
- Juvenile Diabetes Association
- Koality Kids
- Learn To Earn
- Lily of the Valley Children's Home
- Miller's Oven - A Senior Citizen Initiative
- Military Family Fund (2007)
- Monfort Hospital Foundation
- Multi-Cultural Art Society
  - Board Member 1992 to date*
- Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada
- Native Youth Training Centre in Pickle Lake/Mish
- Navy League of Canada
- Operation Go Home
  - Board Member since 1988: Annual Telethon emcee*
- Ottawa Distress Centre
- Ottawa District School Board - Chair Award (2003)
- Ottawa Neighbourhood - Services Volunteer of Distinction Award (2003)
- Ottawa Kidney Research Centre
- Ottawa Paramedics
- Ottawa Police Youth Centre
- Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre
- Ottawa Valley Book Festival
  - Sponsorship of Screenwriter's Award*



Dutchess of York



- Partnership for Afganistan
- R.E.A.C.H. (Regional Education and Advocacy Centre for the Disabled)
- SADIS
- Salvaid
- Sheperds of Good Hope
- Snowsuit Fund
- Streetcar 696 Restoration Project
- Sunshine Coach (Renfrew)
- The Canada Tree
- The Canadiana Fund
- Union Mission for Men
- Variety Club International  
*Past Chairman and Charter Member since 1988*
- Victims Summit :  
*Advocate for victims rights of high violent crime (2006)*
- Veterans Gala, September 17 (proud sponsor)
- Watercan
- Wheels in Motion - Rick Hanson
- United Way/Centraide
- University of Ottawa - School of Business  
*Scholarship funds provided annually*
- Yes International



Nancy Reagan



Luciano Pavarotti



Brian Mulroney & Mrs. Bush

## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS



Paul Martin



Kenny Rogers



Mila Mulrone

- 1987:** Businessman of The Year - Ottawa-Carleton Board of Trade
- 1990:** B'nai Brith Person of The Year Award
- 1992:** Governor General's Commemorative Medal of Honour Celebrating 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation of Canada  
Ontario Medical Association Award in Recognition of Service of the Health and Welfare of the Local Community
- 1993:** Canadian Leadership Award  
Ottawa Police Service Award
- 1994:** Ontario Medical Association Award in Recognition of Service of the Health and Welfare of the Local Community  
Ontario Medical Association Centennial Award in Recognition of Achievements in Service to the Health and Welfare of the People of Ontario  
Nepean Police Service Award
- 1995:** Ontario Medical Association Award in Recognition of Service of the Health and Welfare of the Local Community
- 1996:** Charlotte Whitton Outstanding Citizen Award, City of Ottawa  
B'nai Brith Person of The Year Award  
Member of The Order of Canada  
David Smith Day, November 13 - City of Ottawa
- 1998:** Paul Harris Service Award - Rotary  
Philanthropy Award for Outstanding Fund Raiser- Ottawa Chapter NSFRE
- 1999:** Consumer's Choice Award - Businessman of the Year  
Military and Hospitality Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem - Companionate of Merit  
Key's to City of Ottawa - Community Work Recognition  
"You Made A Difference" Award - Our Kids of Ottawa-Carleton
- 2000:** United Way - Community Builder of the Year Award

- 2001:** Honorary Doctorate - University of Ottawa  
Patron, Canada's First Kidney Research Centre  
Schizophrenia Society of Ontario Community  
Benefactor Award
- 2002:** The Queen's Medal
- 2003:** All Nations Full Gospel Church  
Ottawa Fund Raiser Award  
"Centennial of Flight" Billy Bishop Award
- 2004:** Toastmasters International -  
Communications and Leadership Award  
Retired Teachers of Ontario Celebrity Award
- 2005:** Kanata Food Cupboard - Fund Raiser Award
- 2006:** May 25, 2006 - Order of Ontario  
Honorary Law Degree - Carleton Universtiy
- 2007:** October 13, 2007 - Peace Award  
by the Friends of Peace Ottawa

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Czech Republic: Raised funds to purchase a Lify bathing lift for mentally challenged children.
- Nicaragua: Helped an existing chocolate factory to reorganize resulting in staff increase from 32 to 102 people.
- Romania: Training Centre for Kids
- South Africa: Training Centre for Kids
- Ottawa, Canada: Ottawa Technical Learning Centre  
David Smith Youth Treatment Centre
- Iceland: Canada/Iceland Trade Promotion
- Angola, Africa: Donation of dental clinic and medical clinic supplies, as well as, development of housing program.



Tom Jones



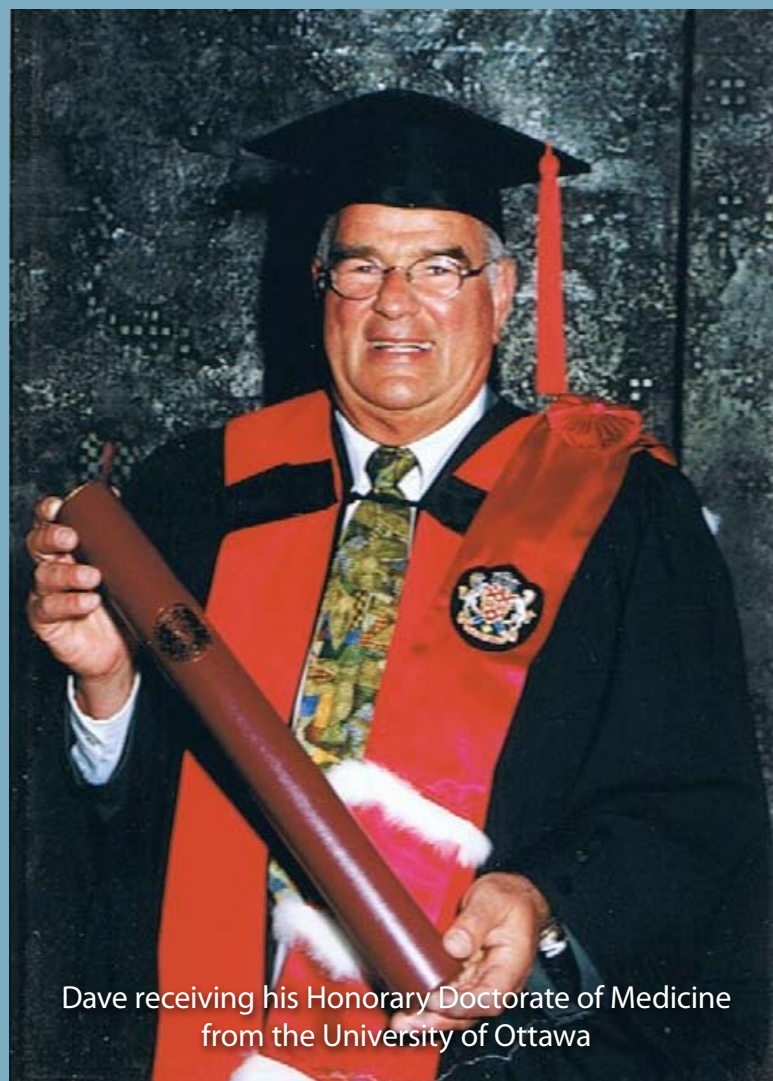
Wayne Gretzky



Boris Yeltsin



One of the many containers that Dave and volunteers filled with medical supplies to be sent to Africa.



Dave receiving his Honorary Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Ottawa

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