

Board of Directors



Diane Del Monte, Chair | Partner, Audit, KPMG Enterprise

Relevant experience: Chartered Professional Accountant with a focus on not-for-profit organizations

Why I joined the Board: As a mom, I used the Centre with my first child and really appreciated the support it provided. My interests have always aligned with education and children which led me to pursue this Board position.

Fallon Reid, Vice-Chair | Associate, Cohen Hamilton Steger & Co. Inc.

Relevant experience: Chartered Professional Accountant, Chartered Business Valuator with experience in business valuations and financial litigation.

Why I joined the Board: I believe in ensuring that children have the best possible start in life. Joining OPCC allows me to work with a great organization that provides resources for families with young children in the community.

Shelley Kuzma | Professional Fundraiser

Relevant experience: 15 years of experience inspiring donors to give to health care and social service agencies. Skilled at raising funds through annual, employee, corporate and major gift campaigns.

Why I joined the Board: OPCC was there for me when my children were young, and given the opportunity to volunteer my time, expertise and knowledge as a Board member is my way of giving back to the organization and local community.

Susanna Zagar | Chief Strategy Officer & Chief Transformation Officer, Workplace Safety & Insurance Board

Relevant experience: Executive Officer with broad experience across the disciplines of Strategy, Transformation, Public Affairs, Marketing, Enterprise Risk, Business Analytics and Board Governance.

Why I joined the Board: Volunteerism is important to me as a corporate executive. As a former user of OPCC services after the birth of my two children, I know firsthand how important its programs and supports are to new parents. Becoming a member of the OPCC Board so many years after having been a client now allows me to give back of my time and expertise to an organization that I know is so critical to so many families in Oakville.

Becky Seidler | Vice President, KPMG Forensic Inc.

Relevant experience: Chartered Professional Accountant with a specialization in Investigative and Forensic Accounting; Chartered Business Valuator. Over ten years of experience helping organizations prevent, detect, and respond to risks of fraud, misconduct and litigation.

Why I joined the Board: I benefitted from OPCC's programs, both in preparation for my first daughter and after she arrived. OPCC is also where I met a fantastic group of moms that formed an important part of my support group during the challenging transition into the world of motherhood. I joined the Board in order to help to provide others in my community with access to experiences that made such a positive impact on me.

Tracey Whittal | Vice President, Operations, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

Relevant experience: Extensive experience in strategic execution, transformational change, Enterprise Risk and Governance and Human Resource activities.

Why I joined the Board: With 2 young children close in age, I used the programs and services offered by OPCC to help me transition into being a new mom. I benefitted from the support I received and experienced just how much this organization supports parents and caregivers. Joining the board is my way of giving back to an important organization so it can continue to help children and their parents as it helped me.

Larissa Hretchka | Manager, Strategic Policy and Planning, Ministry of Citizenship on Immigration

Relevant experience: Policy professional and lawyer with public sector experience in governance, accountability and regulatory compliance.

Why I joined the Board: Becoming a parent can be overwhelming and the OPCC provides programs, resources and supports that help so many families and children. Having relied on these services when I became a mother made me appreciate the importance of what OPCC provides to the community. Now that my children are older, I'm pleased to offer my time and experience to support this excellent work.

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Ram Balakrishnan | Practice Lead, Canada – Internal Audit & Financial Advisory

Relevant experience: Chartered Professional Accountant with broad experience in Internal Audit, Governance and Enterprise Risk Specializing in technology & operations areas.

Why I joined the Board: Volunteering is important to me and as parents, my wife and I have benefitted from the services of OPCC for our two children. Joining the Board is an opportunity to give back to an important organization in our community.

Arthur Pascoal | Director, Walmart Canada

Relevant experience: Business Process Reengineering and Project Management Professional with extensive experience in operational improvement, risk management and transformational change.

Why I joined the Board: We used the programs offered by the OPCC when our kids were born and still foster some of the relationships built during that special time. Joining the Board gives me an opportunity to support this great organization so it can continue to help families grow together.

Cathy Stewart | Executive Director, Human Resources, Canadian Olympic Committee

Relevant experience: Human Resources executive and Certified Human Resources Leader with over 30 years of experience in several industries and across most HR disciplines, most recently with two organizations in the not-for-profit sport sector.

Why I joined the OPCC: My children (who are now in their late 20's) and I benefitted from OPCC's programs many years ago. I was delighted to finally be selected for the Board so that I can assist OPCC to provide their much expanded programs and services to the Oakville community.

Annette Evans | Senior Counsel, Department of Justice Canada

Relevant experience: Senior Counsel with the Department of Justice, National Litigation Sector - Tax Law Services Division, providing litigation support to the Canada Revenue Agency

Why I joined the Board: I used a similar service when I first became a Mom and know how important it is to have that support in those early years. Getting children off to a good start will help set them up for success in the future. I have always been interested in matters relating to children and youth, and believe that this will be a great opportunity to give back to my local Oakville community.