



Fresh leadership and retooled Board signal new era for youth charity

Future Aces Foundation welcomes diversity of expertise to further build on Dr. Herb Carnegie's enduring legacy

November 7, 2023 - Toronto, ON - Future Aces Foundation today announced the appointment of a new Board Chair and six new Board members to re-energize and re-imagine the organization's mission of providing character and leadership education to youth.

Lianne Castelino, an award-winning journalist, communications professional and entrepreneur has been named Board Chair of the 36-year-old charity, founded by Dr. Herbert H. Carnegie. She succeeds former Board Chair, the late Paul Braithwaite, who held the position for more than 20 years.

"I am deeply honoured for the opportunity to work with Board members, stakeholders, volunteers, as well as the community at-large, to expand Future Aces' footprint and deepen its impact," says Castelino, whose professional background also includes not for profit, healthcare and education. "The need for character-building and leadership education for youth has never been more necessary, and I am committed to further amplifying the enduring legacy of Dr. Carnegie's life's work."

Castelino will lead a 12-member board, which includes six new Board Directors, each bringing a varied body of expertise spanning the fields of education, law, finance, sales, business, human resources, diversity, equity and inclusion, journalism, marketing and fundraising:

Ed Daley, an entrepreneur and sales professional with business development and strategic sales planning experience.

Ruben Fragoso brings more than 20 years of experience leading Finance and Operations functions for large public and private enterprises.

Jim Gandhi, a Certified Financial Planner and Associate Wealth Advisor at RBC Dominion Securities currently pursuing an MBA at Queen's University.

Kuda Makoni, a CPA and MBA with more than 15 years of expertise in business strategy and transformation within the financial services industry.

Ghazoua Oureghi Saada an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Manager with a Master of Public Administration, experienced in nonprofit and public administration, gained through roles with the United Nations Development Programme and Canadian nonprofits.

Karl Subban, a veteran school administrator and current independent school principal, author, speaker, GTHL director and personal development coach.

These members join three experienced Future Aces Board Directors:

Paul Denman, a Juris Doctor and former criminal defense lawyer with extensive experience in operations and compliance management.

Zarie Lorne is a practicing lawyer based in Mississauga, Ontario.

Elizabeth Pontes is a human resources professional, experienced in diversity, equity and inclusion.

Driven by a common vision of empowering children and youth to become positive, responsible citizens and leaders through character education, the Future Aces Foundation has impacted the lives of more than 100,000 youth across Ontario annually.

The Foundation was created in 1987 by Dr. Carnegie, one of Canada's first black professional hockey players and a member of the Order of Canada. He was inducted posthumously into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2022 in the Builder category.

Dr. Carnegie created the Future Aces philosophy (The Creed) in 1955 to inspire young people to achieve their full potential and contribute to society. Since then, Future Aces programming has reached more than one million children and youth across Canada.

"The generosity of donors and supporters over decades has been instrumental in bringing Future Aces programming to elementary and high school students across Ontario," says Castelino. "The continued support of our donors and volunteers, along with strategic partnerships, will be critical to reach an even greater number of students, teachers and schools, both through in-person events and online platforms."

ABOUT FUTURE ACES FOUNDATION

The Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation is a registered charity that fosters self-esteem and ethical behaviour in youth through in-person and virtual programming designed to build and reinforce positive and inclusive behaviour while encouraging youth to attain the highest level of achievement both personally and academically within their capabilities. futureaces.org

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