



IL Canada Executive Announcement

Independent Living Canada, promoting a new perspective on disability, is pleased to announce the election of Carole J. Barron as Chair of IL Canada's 2019 – 2020 Board of Directors.

Carole has over 30 years' experience in health care, community agency and, organizational strategic planning and development.

An honours graduate from the General Hospital School of Nursing, Carole commenced her vocation as an Intensive Care Nurse working with open-heart surgery and organ transplant patients.

After completing programs in Hospital Organization and Hospital Departmental Management (Honours), Carole accepted a management position with the General Hospital (Health Care) Corporation in St. John's, NL. This career direction in management supported her decision to return to university further advancing her corporate career change to the not-for-profit sector.

Through her work as Assistant Executive Director, NL Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) for a decade, Carole traveled Canada, Great Britain and the USA working with stakeholders and cancer patients. During her work with the CCS, Carole completed studies in Business Administration and Organizational Management.

In 1988 Carole was seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident. Believing the challenge to recovering from this accident provided opportunity for understanding ability, Carole accepted the Executive Director position with the NL Society for the Physically Disabled Inc. (Easter Seals and March of Dimes).

Never adverse to challenges or new directions, in 2002 Carole moved to Toronto, ON accepting a position as President & CEO with the Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work (CCRW).

Carole has held a number of volunteer appointments from a variety of community, provincial and national organizations and more recently with Empower-The Disability Resource Centre; Independent Living Canada; Service Canada, Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee; Disability Services Committee, City of Toronto, Employment Accessibility Standards Development Committee, Government of Ontario.

Carole J. Barron brings to Independent Living Canada impressive leadership skills and management experience that will enhance the realization of partnerships such as IL Canada's 35 year partnership with the Federal Government of Canada that has supported the programming efforts of 24 IL Centres from coast to coast, each of whom within their communities are focused on the continued advancement of a fully inclusive and accessible civil society where people with disabilities are valued and participate fully.

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