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Abilities Centre's Board of Director's appoints new Chair

Whitby, Ont. – Abilities Centre's Board of Directors has found itself a new chair. Well-known Canadian Activist in the disability community, Mark Wafer was appointed chair of the Board during their regularly scheduled board meeting on Friday, April 6, 2018.

Mark Wafer, who has sat on the Board of Directors for the past 4 years, is a former Tim Hortons restaurant owner and an advocate for hiring people with disabilities. During his 25 years as a business owner Mark and his wife hired almost 200 workers with disabilities in meaningful and competitively paid positions. Mark believes there is a clear and compelling business case for real inclusion.

"It's my great pleasure to sit as chair of the board of governors at Abilities Centre," states Wafer in a news release. "Our centre is a true model of inclusiveness while at the same time creating some of the world's leading programs for youth with disabilities, professional and amateur sports and in the near future, employment for workers with disabilities."

"I want to thank Mark for taking on the role of Chair of the Board," said Leo Plue, Executive Director of Abilities Centre in Whitby. "His experience in the business and corporate world as well as a background in other not for profit boards will be invaluable as we move into our next phase of growth at Abilities Centre."

Mark is also a recipient of Canada's Meritorious Service Cross, the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship and was inducted into the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame in 2014.

About Abilities Centre

Abilities Centre is an internationally renowned, innovative community hub where people of all ages and abilities enrich their lives by engaging in social, health and cultural programs. The Abilities Centre delivers sports, health, fitness, arts and culture, leading-edge research, education and life- skills programming in a welcoming, positive and energetic environment. Abilities Centre is focused on bringing families, friends and neighbours together in a spirit of inclusion and opportunity.



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