

Featured Founders

Morrie & Agnes Morrison

Morrie and Agnes Morrison are two of the Foundation's founders. In fact, Morrie says he and fellow founder Denis Marshall "cooked up the idea" of inviting founders for the brand new foundation less than a dozen years ago.

They had hoped for 20 to 25 people to give a minimum of \$1,000 each. "It caught fire" says Morrie and grew to 65 founders. With over \$76,000 –all in discretionary funds– the fledgling foundation was on its way.

Morrie served on the Foundation's board in the early years and recalls "We were a small but strong group of dedicated people setting the course. I took to it. It was such a good concept for the community and I wanted it to succeed."

No stranger to boards, Morrie was a senior vice-president of



the Royal Bank of Canada (in charge of 600 bank branches in Ontario) when he retired in 1984. He served on the executive of many not-for-profit organizations including Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation (chairman), Traffic Injury Research Foundation of Canada (vice-president), Canadian Cancer Society (national director), United Way of Greater Toronto, Advisory Committee of Doctors' Hospital, and Ontario Chamber of Commerce (president) and the Lions Club. After moving to

Shuswap Lake Estates, Morrie continued to be an active volunteer with many organizations including the Sorrento Lions Club, St. Mary's Anglican Church, Canadian Cancer Society and the Foundation.

Agnes was born in Salmon Arm. Her father farmed here until Agnes was 7 years old, when the family moved to Vancouver. She met Morrie after the war when he was attending UBC.

Agnes and Morrie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2007. They have three children.

It is with sadness that we report Morrie's passing on May 28, 2008.

Please read the full story in our Memory Book
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