

This year's Crayons & Cravats Fundraising Gala is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Mary Jerrett and Dr. Victor Goldbloom

Mary Jerrett, Ph.D., joined the Board of Directors of the Canadian Institute of Child Health in 2009 after a long history with CICH and a career dedicated to education in Nursing and the promotion of the health of children and their families. In addition to her expertise, Mary brought enthusiasm, good cheer and empathy to all she did.

Mary served as Vice-Chair of the Board and kept us all on track as Chair of the Management Committee. She was always ready to take on additional tasks and expertly represented the Institute on a variety of Committees and Advisory Panels, both National and International, devoted to the health and wellbeing of children and their families. Her capacity to understand the challenges of parents living in poverty and her commitment to never make them feel guilty for being poor has influenced national guidelines for the better. Mary is sadly missed, and our lives are better for having known her.

Dr. Victor Goldbloom was variously called a bridge builder, quintessential Canadian, interfaith ambassador, talented politician, dedicated pediatrician, a moral leader, and a true gentleman. We called him Chair of the Canadian Institute of Child Health Advisory Council, a founding board member of CICH, and a passionate and eloquent advocate for the health, well-being and rights of children and youth.

Victor had an uncanny ability to foster followership, holding Advisory Council members together for more than a decade, adding expertise and marshalling it to good end. The shock of his death at age 92 on February 15, 2016 with a full schedule of activities planned for the week has now given way to a fond remembrance of Victor's 40 years of service to CICH. His imprint is everywhere and we are grateful for having known and worked with him.

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