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PRESS RELEASE

World Vision Canada's President appointed to Order of Ontario

He is recognized internationally as a champion of children living in poverty. Now, World Vision Canada's President and CEO Dave Toycen will be honoured at home.

On January 27, Mr. Toycen will be among those receiving the Order of Ontario at a ceremony at Queen's Park. The award – Ontario's highest honour – recognizes his contribution as a humanitarian leader working on behalf of children, families and communities in developing countries.

The Order of Ontario is bestowed on individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to society and around the world in any field of endeavour. Candidates are nominated by members of the general public.

Background Facts

- Dave Toycen's career with World Vision internationally has spanned more than 35 years. Mr. Toycen meets with government leaders around the world and international bodies such as the United Nations to advocate for the well-being of children.
- In his 14 years as President of World Vision Canada, the number of sponsored children has gone from 187,200 to more than 500,000. Revenue has more than quadrupled, enabling the agency to serve in a growing number of countries and circumstances.
- His book, *The Power of Generosity*, calls readers toward a more engaged and generous way of life.
- He holds degrees in philosophy and divinity as well as honorary doctorates from Tyndale University College & Seminary, the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and Wycliffe College, University of Toronto.

"It's truly an honour to receive the Order of Ontario. This award is a strong affirmation of World Vision's 60 years of service to children, families and communities living in poverty. I share the award with our supporters, who bring hope and healing to millions of children across the globe. It's my pledge to continue to give these children a voice."

-Dave Toycen,
President and CEO,
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