



Jane Roos named one of Women's Executive Network 2018 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winner

Jane joins a community of Canada's most iconic women leaders

Toronto, November 22, 2018 - We are pleased to announce that Jane Roos, CAN Fund Founder and owner of the Jane Roos Gallery, has been named a Women's Executive Network (WXN) 2018 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winner presented by KPMG.

The list of Top 100 Winners was released today, paying tribute to the outstanding women across Canada who have advocated for diversity in the workforce, and who serve as an inspiration for the next generation of leaders.

"We are celebrating 100 of Canada's highest achieving women in diverse fields," said Sherri Stevens, CEO of WXN.

"Thank you WXN for this recognition. It's an honour to be part of a group of powerful Canadian women that I admire and respect, from my fellow 2018 award winners to the many past recipients. I am humbled to receive this prestigious award knowing I am part of an incredible culture at CAN Fund dedicated to giving Canadian athletes the opportunity to succeed," said Jane Roos.

The Top 100 Awards span the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, with the initial candidates selected by WXN's Diversity Council. The final vetting process for the 2018 Top 100 Award Winners was completed by WXN's 2017-2018 Diversity Champions.

Roos founded CAN Fund in 2003 to financially support Canadian athletes and fill the funding gap so that Canadian athletes can train and compete for Canada. CAN Fund has supported 80% of the athletes representing Canada at each Olympic Games since Athens 2004 through to the recent Games in South Korea.

"Jane is one of the most influential women I have ever met. She has been a strong voice for athletes, leading the way and affecting change, with a vision to help others achieve their goals and dreams," said Kaillie Humphries, Bobsleigh, 3x Olympic Medalist, and Multiple CAN Fund Recipient.

Past WXN Award Winners includes Canada's most iconic women trailblazers: Margaret Atwood, Dr. Roberta Bondar, Arlene Dickinson, Michaëlle Jean and Heather Reisman.

"I believe people need to see excellence to believe it is possible in their own lives, and our athletes exemplify excellence. I wanted to create a personal and impactful way

Canadians could be part of each athlete's journey by finding out exactly which athletes they are supporting," said Roos.

To mark this year's awards, WXN is hosting an Awards Gala on November 22nd at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. More than 1400 senior professionals will attend.

For a full list of winners, please visit <https://wxnetwork.com/wxn/top100winners/>.

About CAN Fund

CAN Fund is a not for profit organization devoted solely to raising funds and awareness of our Canadian athletes. We have created a vehicle that connects Canadians directly to our athletes' journey and their success. CAN Fund is the only organization in Canada that with each donation, you find out the name of the athlete you have directly supported and receive a tax receipt. We provide our athletes with the opportunity to focus on success instead of focusing on unnecessary financial hurdles. Donations go directly to Canadian athletes to support their equipment costs, coaching, nutrition, team fees, travel and basic living expenses.

Recently, 936 athletes applied to CAN Fund. The CAN Fund Athlete Application allows athletes to provide a comprehensive overview of their financial status and athletic standing at the national and international level. Each athlete is given the opportunity to convey to CAN Fund an in-depth understanding of where the direct financial support will make the most impact. CAN Fund supports both able-bodied and Paralympic athletes.

About the Women's Executive Network (WXN)

Women's Executive Network (WXN), a member-based organization, exists for the advancement, development and recognition of professional women in Canada. WXN delivers this advancement through training, events, mentoring, networking, and award and recognition programs for members and partners. At WXN, equity, inclusion and the advancement of professional women make industry stronger and society better. Their passion is 100% centered on empowering women and creating positive social change. WXN currently operates in Canada and Ireland.

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