

David Gourlay - Outstanding Fundraising Professional

David's career is characterized by a passion for people, relationships and building the community he was born, raised and lives in - Ottawa. David currently works as a philanthropic executive to accentuate his core values of community, empathy and giving back to foster dignity and hope for those who experience homelessness in Ottawa at the Shepherds of Good Hope.

David believes in the importance of sport in Ottawa - he brought a professional baseball team to our community and served as the volunteer President and co-owner of the Ottawa Champions Baseball Club from 2014-2018 leading all community initiatives for the 2016 CanAm Champions. He secured the 2017 All-Star game as part of Ottawa 2017 celebrations and proudly co-founded the Miracle League of Ottawa that opened in August 2015 to provide children with special needs a fully accessible and inclusive baseball facility in Orleans.

David is active in his community - he is the volunteer Board Chair and President of the Ottawa Sport Council and is passionate about how sport contributes to Ottawa's growth mindset. Previously, David sat on the Y's Owl Maclure Co-operative Board as well as the Boards of the Ottawa Public Library and the Ottawa Community Housing Foundation. In November 2014, David became a Member of the Order of Ottawa as recognized by His Worship Mayor Watson for his contributions to the local community.

David lives in Kanata with his wife Danielle and their daughter Sophia and son Jack.