

Michael Wilson - Outstanding Individual Philanthropist

Mike is the Co-CEO and co-Founder of 1251 Capital Group, a financial services holding company backed by high-net-worth families and individuals. Prior to 1251, he was a Managing Director at TA Associates in Boston, a leading global private equity firm where he worked for 22 years and helped build their financial services investing effort while sponsoring a dozen successful private equity investments.

Through his work with BGC Ottawa, where he serves as a Director, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, Mike's philanthropic contributions have helped young people in Ottawa secure new opportunities, overcome systemic barriers, and develop skills for life.

Whether through supporting ongoing programs and services, securing major gifts, or helping complete capital projects, Mike's passion and commitment have made a transformative impact for thousands of children and youth in Ottawa.

In addition to his work with BGC Ottawa, Mike is an Advisory Board member at the Richard Ivey School of Business at Western University and has previously served on the board of Ashbury College. He has also been actively involved coaching his four children in the Ottawa East Minor Hockey Association and the Ottawa Shooting Stars Basketball Club, and is a recipient of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

Mike has a B.A. with Honors in Business Administration (HBA) from Western University and an MBA with Distinction from Harvard Business School.