

About the Author

Chris Snyder, CFP, RFP is one of the early pioneers in the Canadian financial planning world. He started with Great West Life in 1965 and co-founded the ECC Group in 1974, one of the first organizations in Canada to be focused on broad-based financial planning. Along the way, Chris has written or co-authored a number of bestselling books including *How to Be Sure You Have the Right RRSP*, *It's Your Money*, *Teaching Your Children About Money*, *Financial Planning for the International Executive* and *Be Smart With Your Money*. Together, these books have sold over 250,000 copies. He has also written and edited hundreds of articles on personal finance for the *Financial Post*, *Financial Times*, the *Globe & Mail* and *The Toronto Star*.

Chris understands that while much of life revolves around money; life is about much more than that. He has been a founder and/or board member of many charitable organizations including *Project Mainstream* in India, *Street Kids International* and *Bakong Technical College* in Cambodia, the Canadian Landmine Foundation, Toronto's Youth Employment Services, the Nature Conservancy of Canada (Ont), CUSO and Alpine Ontario. A life-long member of the Rotary Club of Toronto, he leads groups of Rotarians to the developing world to build schools and lead other valuable community projects. Most recently he has been working on First Nations initiatives and is the founding chair of HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples).

Chris is the winner of many volunteer and community service awards, among them the Paul Harris Fellowship, the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals and the

Rotary's Service-Above-Self Award. In 2018, he was awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers in recognition of his many contributions to volunteering in various communities.

Chris' life journey has been shared with Pat, a retired social worker, their three children and four grandchildren. He loves to read, hike, bike, canoe trip and ski. Chris is Chairman of the ECC Group in Toronto and can be reached at snyder@eccgroup.ca



Chris is presented with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Elizabeth Dowdeswell, on behalf of Governor General Julie Payette, on January 26, 2018, in Toronto.