

fundraising, door-knocking, speeches and dogged persistence, the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre received operational funding from the Province of Ontario and opened its doors on Bronson Avenue in 1993. To date, it has supported more than 17,000 youth and family members with life-saving addiction, mental health treatment and counselling services.

Dave's wife, Darlene, says it best "David loved people. He loved helping people. Gifted with a servant's heart, his good works are everywhere in the city. And as much as he accomplished – he always felt there was so much left to do."

At the top of that "to do" list was the construction of a new residential treatment facility to better serve the vulnerable young people who continue to reach out for help from the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre. He championed a grand vision to bring together the three existing sites into one purpose-built complex that would expand the number of available beds, reduce wait times, and bring all of the dedicated addiction councillors and healthcare professionals under one roof.



'Filling His Shoes' is a tribute to Dave's Dream to bring our three aging campuses together in a new facility to more quickly help even more youth and families struggling with mental health and substance use issues.

Dave came into the world in humble surroundings. One of 13 children raised by Jewish immigrants from Russia, David's parents were remarkable role models. Raised in Lowertown Ottawa, Dave learned a strong work ethic at his father's shoe repair store, where there was always a big pot of soup simmering in the back for anyone in need of a meal.



Growing up, Dave learned from his parents the value of community and the importance of giving whatever he could to those who were struggling. These lessons shaped his life and ultimately touched the lives of many others. Giving was at the core of his family's values; David loved to tell the story of his mother arriving home one blustery, winter night without her coat. "Someone else needed it more than I did," she told him.

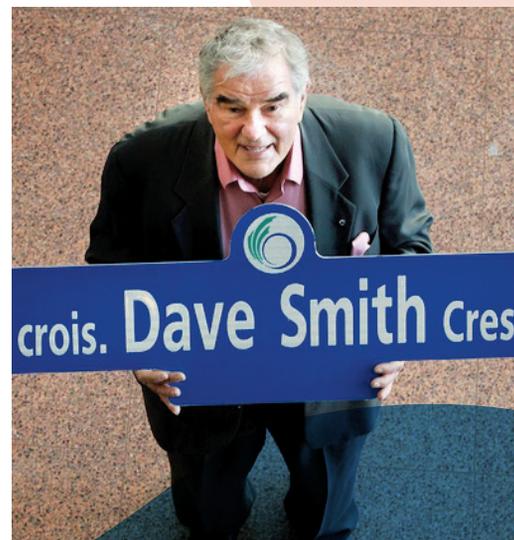
Dave was a successful entrepreneur establishing Nate's Deli in 1959 and The Place Next Door in 1969, eventually expanding his catering and restaurant business into Florida and California.

Dave was a community builder with boundless enthusiasm. He was awarded a member of both the Order of Ontario and the Order of Canada and earned far more honours than can be listed here.

Dave was an unwavering philanthropist raising over \$150 million for local and global charities. Known to so many in the Ottawa community as simply 'Dave', he had an unshakable faith in humankind and a unique gift for gathering and inspiring like-minded people around issues or causes to improve the lives of others.

One of Dave Smith's proudest achievements was the establishment in the early 1990s of Ottawa's first addiction treatment centre dedicated to helping young people - the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre.

After receiving a frantic call from a close friend whose son was addicted to drugs, Dave became frustrated that no treatment facility existed in Ottawa for youth struggling with drug and alcohol issues. As usual, Dave took action where he saw a need in his beloved community. After several years of advocacy,



As we mourn the loss of our visionary founder, Dave Smith, we're also reminded of his amazing accomplishments and the larger-than-life shoes he left for us to fill.



Filling Dave's Shoes will take a village...
be part of our village!

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