

## **Todd Sloan: A dedicated volunteer through and through**

Every year, thousands of thousands of federal public servants rally around a common cause — helping to make the communities they work in a better place for everyone. They do this through the annual Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC). Last year, this largest workplace charitable campaign in the country raised more than \$33.5 million, including \$18.5 in the National Capital Region.

But many — like Todd Sloan — contribute to their community all year round.

A federal employee with Correctional Services Canada (CSC), Todd is the consummate volunteer. He devotes hundreds of hours of his own time to a hefty list of agencies and organizations in Ottawa, including the Kanata Youth Centre and Kanata-Hazeldean Lions Club, where he is president. He is also a member of the Ottawa Youth Justice Committee and sits on the board of directors for the Roberts/Smart Centre, which fosters children with serious mental illness.

Todd devotes much of his volunteer time to youth initiatives partly because his job dealing with complaints of incarcerated young offenders with CSC has given him insight into the hardships they face. For him, it's all about wanting to provide local youth with the resources they need to keep active and out of trouble.

“You meet a lot of people, including offenders, and you get a better idea of what it is that has put them there. A lot has to do with their experiences when they were young,” he says.

For this reason, Todd focuses his community service on prevention. His work with local youth centres and initiatives is a kind of “early intervention.” One small change in a kid's life can make a huge difference in who they end up being.

Whether it is altering the life course of a troubled teen or organizing an event such as the Kanata-Stittsville Terry Fox Run, this father of three is dedicated to helping in whatever way possible. “I think it's a very important part of my self-concept. It's one of the things that I take pride in and gain satisfaction from doing,” he says.

And, he believes firmly in others doing the same: “From a values and ethics perspective, it is important for people to become involved in their communities and help other people; it's something I've always done and felt a need to do personally.”

Todd Sloan — just one of many federal employees who are committed to making a difference every day in their communities, through their own contributions and through this year's GCWCC campaign, which launched on September 9 and ends November 25.

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