

## **Angelo Paletta named 2019 Distinguished Philanthropist Honour recognizes giving of time, talent and treasure**

Burlington, ON, May 14, 2019 – Burlington Foundation is pleased to announce that Angelo Paletta, prominent businessman and philanthropist, has been named 2019 Distinguished Philanthropist. Angelo will be honoured at Burlington Foundation's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration being held on the evening of Thursday, October 24, 2019.

"Angelo Paletta has called Burlington home since 1964, and over those many years has contributed significantly to the growth and development of our great city. Angelo's commitment to making our community a better place to live for everyone is always at the heart of his philanthropic endeavors," says Colleen Mulholland, President and CEO, Burlington Foundation. "Angelo, who has supported our foundation for many years, also consistently demonstrates a passionate and generous commitment to many charitable needs and causes."

Burlington Foundation's Distinguished Philanthropist award presented by Canada Life offers an opportunity to publicly honour and thank a noted philanthropist for their positive and sustainable impact on Burlington and surrounding communities. Angelo and his family have a long history of sharing their time, talent and treasures.

Angelo's philanthropic leadership is a tremendous part of his legacy that will forever be noted in Burlington's history. While current contributions are too numerous to list, notable gifts have been made to the Carpenter Hospice expansion project, Joseph Brant Hospital's New Era Campaign, the Joseph Brant Museums expansion, and Hamilton Health Sciences. Angelo continues to donate countless hours of leadership and funding to many critical needs in Burlington.

Angelo has received numerous distinguished awards including the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award, the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association Business Excellence Award, and the Ontario 150 Award.



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Angelo has also been honoured as a Knight of Malta-Order of St. John of Jerusalem, a Commander of the Order of the Ethiopian Lion from His Imperial Highness Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie Haile-Selassie, and the Cavaliere (Knight) of the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazzarus from the Duke of Savoy/Prince of Naples at the Vatican.

"I am extremely humbled and honoured to receive this award from Burlington Foundation during their milestone 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. My family and I are proud Burlingtonians, and I believe that we can all make a difference in the lives of community members in their time of need. As we all know simple gestures of giving, without expecting anything in return, often make the most significant differences. In accepting this honour, I hope it serves to encourage others to give what they can to support our growing community."

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**About Burlington Foundation**

Celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019, we are proud to help people accomplish their charitable goals and address our city's most pressing needs. We are dedicated to having a significant impact in Burlington by building legacy endowment funds, providing vital charitable grants, and bringing people together to address important community issues. Burlington Foundation currently manages \$12.7 million in assets and manages over 105 donor funds. Since inception, we have gifted over \$5.7 million in grants.

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