

2009 ICAO Award of Distinction

The ICAO Award of Distinction recognizes those Chartered Accountants who have made an early impact, bringing distinction to themselves and to their profession through leadership and achievement in their professional, community and/or personal lives.

The **Christine E. Sinclair Community Leadership Award** was established to acknowledge and profile a younger CA from across the province who has brought distinction to him/herself and to the profession through exceptional leadership in community volunteerism. This new award is being awarded for the first time in 2009 and thereafter, will also awarded every three years. The recipient is chosen from those candidates nominated in the same year for the ICAO Award of Distinction. **Michael M. Gottlieb, CA** is the recipient of the 2009 Christine E. Sinclair Community Leadership Award.



Michael M. Gottlieb, CA (Toronto)

Michael is a 2004 Chartered Accountant who has made outstanding leadership contributions to his community through both his career work and his volunteer service. As noted above, Michael is the first recipient of the Christine E. Sinclair Community Leadership Award as well as the ICAO Award of Distinction.

Michael currently heads the finance group at Shared Services West, a new organization with a mandate to centralize strategic sourcing and back office finance support to four large hospitals in the west GTA. Shared Services will leverage coordinated logistics, purchasing, contract management, back office finance support and equipment procurement at eight hospital sites to provide best value, improve quality of service and facilitate the reallocation of resources to direct patient care. Until recently, Michael created and led the Finance, IT and Business development functions at the Toronto Centre for Phenogenomics, a \$70 million, 200,000-mouse, joint-venture to outsource preclinical mouse testing at four academic hospitals. Michael also led international initiatives to promote the existence of Ontario's rich scientific resources such as the Centre to attract foreign science-based businesses to the province.

As a volunteer, Michael serves as Treasurer and Board member of the Parkinson's Society Canada. His service to the Parkinson's Society goes well beyond traditional board responsibilities as he works closely with management on financial reporting, risk management and strategic matters. Michael also serves as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee and Board member of the Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario. Again, Michael's time commitment well exceeds that expected for volunteer board members as he interacts with management several times a week providing document review, contact analysis, staff coaching and financial oversight.