



Villa Charities Statement on Passing of William Davis
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Villa Charities is saddened to hear of the passing of William Davis, the former Premier of Ontario. The Honourable William Grenville ‘Bill’ Davis was a remarkable leader who spent more than 25 years serving the people of Ontario during his distinguished career. As a Minister of Education and then as Premier, his many accomplishments include overseeing the creation of several new universities and the province’s community college system, contributions to the Catholic school system, as well as the formation of TVOntario. He will also be remembered for his role in the patriation of the Constitution, which resulted in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

Bill Davis was also instrumental in the development of Villa Colombo and the realization of the Columbus Centre. He acquired a deeper appreciation for the Italian culture after travelling to Italy with a group of community leaders that included the then Chair of Villa Charities, Mr. Anthony Fusco.

“Mr. Davis was a tremendous friend and supporter of Villa Charities during his time as Premier,” said Marco DeVuono, Acting President and CEO, Villa Charities Inc. “We are truly grateful for his outstanding contributions and support for our organization and the Italian-Canadian community at large.”

We offer our deepest sympathies to Mr. Davis’ family and friends at this difficult time.