



### **National Capital District**

On behalf of the Board of the National Congress of Italian Canadians, National Capital District (NCIC-NCR), I would like to thank you for attending this very special evening dedicated to honouring the spirit of volunteerism, embodied fully in this year's honourees, St. Anthony's Church Ladies Aid and the Volunteers of Villa Marconi.

The NCIC-NCR, established in 1974 by an Act of Parliament, takes pride in hosting events and activities throughout the year that recognize, promote and create awareness of the community's Italian Canadian spirit, tradition and heritage. This year marks the 6th Anniversary of the Italian Canadian Historical Centre located, adjacent to Villa Marconi. The ICHC was built to pay homage to the men and women who immigrated to Canada from Italy, bringing honour to their homeland by their strong contribution to their new country and in making Canada the great nation it is today. It is most fitting that tonight that we honour these two groups for their outstanding dedication and contribution to our Ottawa Italian community for so many years. Funds raised tonight and throughout the year help support the maintenance and ongoing operational expenses of the ICHC. Your presence at this event is very much appreciated. I would like to extend an open invitation to you and your friends to visit the Centre, and to participate at, and in, our full calendar of events.

Trina Costantini-Powell  
President

