

# **Rick Blickstead**

**President and CEO at Diabetes Canada**

Toronto, ON, CA

Rick is a senior executive with experience in both the Canadian and American public and private sectors.

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Rick specializes in strategic organization revitalization, governance, stakeholder management, complex systems thinking, and executional excellence within healthcare, population health, and consumer-centric organizations. He is currently the president and CEO of Diabetes Canada, a national health charity, and the past CEO of the Wellesley Institute, a national applied research and policy think tank focused on advancing population health. Rick is an adjunct professor at the University of Toronto, a fellow of MaRS-Social Innovation Generation, and was latterly a president of RONA Retail, Wal-Mart FJ USA, Dylex- BW Stores, and Peoples Jewellers amongst others. Rick is a director and past chair of Imperial Manufacturing Group, board treasurer of Regis College at the University of Toronto, a director of World Presidents Organization: Ontario Chapter, director and past treasurer of the Harvard Club of Toronto. He is a past director of the Toronto Central LHIN, past chair of Centennial College's Centre for Applied Research and Innovation, past governor of the Canadian Centre for Diversity, and a past director of the Toronto Board of Trade where he now contributes to city building as a member of its Policy and Advocacy Committee. Rick is a graduate of the joint Non-Profit Management Certificate program at the Harvard Business and Kennedy Schools, and has an MBA from the University of Toronto, a B. Comm. from Carleton University, and is an alumnus of Bishop's College School.

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Non-Profit/Charitable, Corporate Leadership, Program Development, Fund-Raising

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Strategic Planning, Volunteer Management, Public Speaking, Policy Development, Community Outreach, Program Management, Entrepreneurship, Diabetes

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Toronto Central LHIN : Board Member, Young Presidents / World Presidents Organization : Board Member, Toronto Region Board of Trade : Policy and Advocacy Committee, Member, University of Toronto : Adjunct Professor, MaRS : Fellow of the Social Innovation Generation

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## **Invited Speaker**

Innovation in Diabetes Care: 90 Years and Beyond

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## **Harvard Business School**

Certification Executive Development, Non-Profit Management

## **University of Toronto - Rotman School of Management**

MBA. Marketing and Finance

## **Carleton University**

B.Com. (Hons.) Economics

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