

Tribute to my Dad, George Cassie

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I love my Dad. I have been so blessed to have the opportunity and privilege to be on the Board of Directors of The Table Soup Kitchen Foundation with him for these last ten years. Ten years ago, our Secretary seat was vacant. As daughters do, I went to my Dad and asked him if he could help out, and of course, he said yes. The following year, he was nominated to the Treasurer position, where his skill set was needed the most. Now, after nine years, his resignation comes with understanding and our acknowledgement that he is leaving some very large shoes to fill.

My Dad has had a full and interesting career. His experience includes years of military service, partly as an air traffic controller, Treasurer and President of a community college, owner and manager of commercial properties, broker of a real estate company, instructor of finance and business courses through another college, government work, and is the handiest guy around. He pretty much knows everything you need to know and is always willing to lend a hand.

It has been an absolute honour to work with my Dad. Through all of the challenges, changes, answers to prayer, and celebrations at The Table, I have been able to share them with him and seek his advice. He has been a constant encouragement to me in my ministry and has been the one that I can always rely on to share his wisdom and insights. God is so good!

My Dad has been my most valued help here at The Table. He has been here through the various ministry areas of growth, he took the leadership role in solidifying our tenancy and then recent purchase of our Table property, he helped oversee the renovation of the Food Bank, Men's Shelter/Hostel and Community Kitchen, he has helped with maintenance issues, he has ensured that we have a solid financial base and has provided critical insight to our Board over the years. He has also been the liaison between The Table, our accountant and the



Bronze sculpture "George" by Brenda Wainman-Goulet Named in honour of George Cassie

CRA and ensured that our records are accurate and complete, and has provided wisdom when volunteer issues have arisen. My Dad has challenged me to lead well, has shared our vision of helping the hungry, hurting and homeless in Jesus' name, he prays for our impact in the community, he took on far more than is typical of a Treasurer, and is assisting with the smooth transition with our new Treasurer, Tyler Ellis. My Dad has been an incredible Board Member, and I am beyond grateful.

Things will not be the same around here for me without my Dad. I will miss our chats in our office late at night, seeing him pop in during open hours, texting him questions about finances, having total peace that all is well behind the scenes because my Dad is involved, and sharing such a huge part of my life with him.

Our beautiful bronze sculpture outside The Table Men's Shelter/Hostel was named after my Dad when it was unveiled in 2016. He is aptly named George, though he looks nothing like him. For me, seeing George will always be a reminder of the steadfastness and support my Dad has been to me and the ministry that I founded.

We at The Table wish you all the best, Dad, in your life and pursuits and know that God has blessed The Table through you being part of our Table family. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Love Heather

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