

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ruth M. Goldbloom, O.C.

Born in New Waterford, Nova Scotia, Ruth Goldbloom attended Mount Allison and graduated from McGill University. While living in Montreal, she served as board member to a number of education and community organizations.

Since moving to Halifax in 1967, she has held leadership positions in many community and education institutions, and was the first woman to Chair the Metro United Way Campaign. She has had a long association with the Izaak Walton Killam Children's Hospital, serving as first Chair of the Gift Shop.

Her university appointments have included Chair of the Board of Mount Saint Vincent University; Regent of Mount Allison University; and Chair of Dalhousie University's Annual Fund.

Her current positions include Chancellor Emeritus of the Technical University of Nova Scotia (now DalTech), and board member for the Halifax Waterfront Development Corporation and The Foundation for Heritage and the Arts. She is Past Chair of Pier 21 Society, a National Historic Site, and current Chair of the Pier 21 Foundation. She is also a Public Director of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons and sits on the National Advisory Council for Mount Allison University and the Advisory Committee for the Order of Canada.



Ruth Goldbloom's many honours and awards have included honorary degrees from Dalhousie University, Mount Saint Vincent University, Nova Scotia Community College, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and Mount Allison University.

She received the Human Relations Award of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews; the Volunteer of the Year Award of the Centre for the Advancement and Support of Education, Washington, D.C.; and Canada's 125th Anniversary Commemorative Medal.

In 1992, her community and national service was recognized by her appointment as a Member of the Order of Canada. In 1997, she received the National Harmony Award. In 1999, she was awarded the Canadian Hadassah-Wizo's Women of Achievement Award, and was named to the Honour Roll of MacLean's magazine. In January 2000, she was promoted to Officer within the Order of Canada. In 2001, she received the Tourism Industry of Nova Scotia (TIANS) Ambassador Award. In 2002 she received the Heritage

Canada Foundation Achievement Award and the Queen's Jubilee Medal. In 2003, she was awarded the Association of Canadian Jewish Studies Award, and in 2004, Flare Magazine awarded her a Volunteer Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Ruth Goldbloom is married to Dr. Richard Goldbloom, Professor of Pediatrics, Dalhousie University. They have three children and seven grandchildren.