

GAIL O'BRIEN - Gail is a native Montrealer and graduate of McGill University in English and Fine Arts. Gail moved to Calgary with her husband David and 3 children in 1978. Her career in fashion spanned the next 30 years including the last 10 as General Manager of Holt Renfrew, Calgary.

Beginning in the mid-90's, Gail began her deep commitment to community involvement, supporting and serving on the boards of not-for-profit organizations with a particular focus on Women, Children's Health and well-being, Academic Medicine and the Arts across Canada.

In 2005, the O'Brien Centre for the Bachelor of Health Sciences became a reality thanks to a foundational gift of \$5 million from Gail and David O'Brien, and in 2014, a second major gift for \$12 million from the O'Brien's led to the naming of the O'Brien Institute of Public Health at the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary.

Gail's broad commitment to the not-for-profit sector has and continues to include many Board Governance Roles. Currently, Gail serves as Chair, Children First Canada. As well she is a Director of the Council of Canadian American Relations in New York. Gail is Chair of the Advisory Boards of the CSM, the O'Brien Institute of Public Health, and the Arni Charbonneau Cancer Institute as well as a member of the Advisory Board of the Bachelor of Health Sciences at the CSM - all at the University of Calgary. And she serves on the Board of the Gairdner Foundation.

Past Governance roles include Chair of the National Arts Centre Foundation; Trustee, the National Arts Centre, Trustee of the Ontario Science Centre; Trustee Emeritus of SickKids and Director Emeritus of Sickkids Foundation; Past Director of Business/Arts in Canada; Vice Chair of Glenbow; Director of the Prairie Action Foundation and Director of the Y.W.C.A. of Calgary.

Gail received the Women of Distinction Award in Calgary for Business and Entrepreneurs in 2000, an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Calgary in 2010 as well as the Eric Harvie Award recognizing her contribution to the Arts from the Glenbow Museum. In September 2011, Gail received the Alberta Medical Association Award of Honour (for a non-medical person) for her contribution to Health Quality in Alberta. In 2018, Gail received the Arnie Vered Award for Volunteerism.

Gail is married to David O'Brien, OC. They have 3 children and 10 grandchildren all residing in Toronto.