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### **Sharmila (Sherry) Ali:**

Sharmila is a passionate professional currently fulfilling Executive Services Management at NCR Corporation, the world's market leader in Banking Technology. She previously served at Scotiabank Enterprise Technology in vendor and financial governance roles, and developed the relationship, performance, financial, and contractual framework to ensure that obligations of strategic vendors were fulfilled to mitigate risk and optimize benefits to the business. She also has several years' experience as a leader in the IT professional services industry, during which time she serviced international clients and partnered with tier 1 technology manufacturers and advanced to the Company's Board of Directors.

Sharmila gained recognition in 2018 for "incredible performance" as a top contributor in her current role at NCR and her performance was ranked as "Exceptional" in 2022. She received recognition as a winner in Scotiabank's 2017 Best of the Best Awards for top individual performance. Sharmila has an MBA in General Management and Masters in Law (LL.M concentration in Innovation, Law and Technology).

Sharmila moved to Oakville in 2019, is a proud mom and volunteer with the Oakville Community Foundation on the Community Legacy Building Committee and its committee Task Forces.

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### **Lisa Kohler:**

Lisa has had a career in the environmental not-for-profit sector spans more than twenty five years in the U.S. and Canada. She has a demonstrated history of working in organizational change management. With internationally recognized leadership for inspiring climate change initiatives. In her current role as Executive Lead - Climate Change Response and Sustainability at the Halton Region, Lisa is looking forward to advancing and deepening collection action for Halton's Climate Change response. Lisa networks with numerous community and environmental organizations, young leaders, municipalities, institutions, and community members to inspire change and action. Ms. Kohler currently serves as Secretary on the Green Communities Canada National Board of Directors.

Lisa is an Advisor for Oakville Community Foundation for the former Climate Action Taskforce and the developing Oakville Environmental Report.

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### **Les Ross**

Les Ross has 4 decades of experience in banking and financial markets. At PearTree, Les works with major charitable gift donors to significantly lower their after-tax cost of giving with a CRA-approved gifting format. His broad professional background includes relationship management roles in international banking, corporate, commercial and real estate lending, private banking and as Managing Director of a leading Canadian derivative practice. Les holds a Commerce degree from Queen's University and an MBA from York University. He is also an accredited Master of Financial Advice in Philanthropy (MFA-P), Personal Financial Planner, a Chartered Investment Manager, and a Fellow of both the Canadian Securities Institute and the Institute of Canadian Bankers.

Les is a long-time Oakville resident with many years of diverse community involvement. He currently serves on committees at St. Michael's Hospital and at The Foundation on the Community Legacy Building Committee and the Committee Task Forces.

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### **Ronan Daniel Ryan:**

Ronan Ryan is Executive Director, CIBC Foundation, where he leads a talented and purpose-driven team serving the CIBC Foundation's commitment to creating a world without limits to ambition. His passion is to serve the Foundation's focus areas of supporting cancer initiatives, championing inclusive communities, and investing in financial education.

Previously Ronan served as Chief Executive Officer of the Alzheimer Society of Canada, where he led the National organization fighting for the rights and interests of those living with Alzheimer disease and Dementia, their families, and caregivers.

Prior to that, Ronan served as the Chief Marketing & Development Officer at the Canadian Red Cross, where he led a team of award-winning Marketers, Fundraisers, First Aiders and Water Safety specialists. In parallel, Ronan led the Red Cross's commercial operations, overseeing the programs that teach life-saving first-aid and water safety skills to Canadians through a network of over six thousand valued training partners.

Ronan serves as Chair of the Board of Imagine Canada, and has served on various advisory bodies such as the Canadian Marketing Association's Not-for-profit Council and the Advisory Board of the Masters in Management Analytics Program at Queens University.

Currently Ronan is volunteering with the Oakville Community Foundation Impact Investment Committee and is based in Oakville with his wife, three children and a COVID-puppy called Amber.