

## Volunteer of the Year



## 2019 Dr. Paul E. Garfinkel Volunteer Awards



### Richard ("Dick") Bryer

Raised in rural Manitoba, Dick Bryer lives in Toronto where he devotes substantial time to others. Retired from a successful sales and management career in the IT industry, Dick is one of the most active Rise volunteers – beginning in 2016 as a coach in our Peer Supported Startup Program.

Since then, he has lent his keen insights to many Rise affiliates and mentored some of our leading clients. Dick possesses deep experience in sales, and can often be found at the Rise offices helping clients develop and execute successful strategies to boost their businesses.

Dick is an exceptional volunteer driven by a passion for helping people achieve their goals and change their lives. An avid sailor and proud father of two daughters, he is also a volunteer with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, the National Yacht Club and a family health clinic in Toronto.

### Why did you choose to volunteer with Rise?

"Being able to contribute my business knowledge to help candidates achieve their dreams."

### Clients love Richard

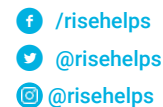
*"He is patient, empathetic, an effective communicator, with an innate understanding of clients' situations, and he is always ready and available to willingly share his wisdom and extensive expertise".*

– Carla,  
Rise Facilitator



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