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Toronto, ON.—Jay Mandarino, founder and president of the C.J. Group of Companies and the C.J. Skateboard Park and School, has been recognized for his exceptional long-term contributions to the community.

Mandarino is one of 13 distinguished citizens in the province to receive this year's Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship. The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, presented the award at a ceremony held at the Ontario Legislative Building in Toronto on November 5, 2014.

"This year's recipients of the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship are truly representative of what can be achieved by taking initiative and aiming high," Dowdeswell said. "These remarkable citizens have positively affected the lives of many in their communities throughout this province. I am delighted to pay tribute to these outstanding Ontarians."

Along with founding the not-for-profit C.J. Skateboard Park and School, a 28,000 square-foot facility for at-risk youth, Mandarino sits on the board of the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario and has raised over 50 million dollars for a range of likeminded charities. His own history with dyslexia and ADHD drives him to give back to those in similar situations, and he has demonstrated a lifelong passion for helping others conquer their personal challenges.

In 2012, Mandarino received a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal to commemorate his contributions. His philanthropic work has also been acknowledged by a number of national media outlets and letters of appreciation from community leaders.

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Check the CITY TV interview including Jay aprox 1 minute
https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3psxuby8D_fVUU5eEhzQy10SEk/view?usp=sharing

The whole ceremony was also streamed live and you can find Jay at about 24 minutes 35 seconds into it.
<https://new.livestream.com/OntCitImm/OMGC>