

# Martha Friendly honoured with a Key to the City<sup>[1]</sup>

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Today, Mayor Olivia Chow presented a Key to the City to Martha Friendly, a leading advocate, policy researcher and expert in Canada's childcare movement.

Martha Friendly has been advocating for universal, high-quality early childhood education and care in Canada for more than 50 years. She founded the Childcare Resource and Research Unit (CRRU) in the 1980s and has played a critical role in shaping policies that support children, families and women. Her advocacy and tireless efforts have helped build the framework for a universal early learning and childcare system.

Martha Friendly's lifelong contributions to childcare policy have been recognized with several accolades including the Order of Canada in 2024 and an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Trent University in 2015.

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