

Four Leadership Skills That Make a Great Leader

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I would like to tell you a story about a woman who was a great leader. Her name is Ione Miller, and she just happens to be my mom. Mom was a city girl who at the age of 19 married a country boy (my dad Clem) and moved to a farm. She raised seven kids, ran the household and was my dad's best farmhand. And regardless of how busy she was, come hell or high water, (one of her favorite sayings) she would make things happen.

Our little Post office in St. Anthony was one of those things that mattered. Mom heard they were planning on closing the post office and instead of complaining, she acted. Told she would need a petition with 100 signatures, Mom drove from farm to farm until she had secured all 100 signatures. She happily handed over the petition over only to find out that it was no longer good enough. They had changed the rules and for the post office to stay open every family that signed needed to come to the post office and sign again in front of state representatives.

They chose a day in the middle of harvest season with a tiny window of time from 10am and 2pm. Mom asked for extended hours explaining that farmers worked from sunup to sundown in the field during harvest season. They declined with the response: "If it is so important, they should just make time". Mom reassured them that it was indeed important, and they would be there. Once again, she went from farm to farm to rally support.


The day arrived and mom waited anxiously with the representatives. Two hours passed and not one person had come to sign. But, one by one the farmers began to trickle in. Most came right from their tractors in the field, still wearing stained and dirty overalls. They had

enough signatures by 2pm to keep the post office open.

In this story my mom exemplifies four core competencies that helped her succeed: clarity, confidence, perseverance and passion!

- Clarity was displayed by having a clear end goal of keeping the post office open.
- Confidence in herself and her community was demonstrated when she stood up to the state representatives even when things weren't looking favorable.
- Perseverance was portrayed by her willingness to do whatever it took to make it happen even when it became discouraging and overwhelming.
- Passion was what she presented with to her community to incite them enough to leave their work in the middle of the day.

Great leaders have clarity of who they are, the direction they want to go and the results they want to accomplish. Great leaders are confident in their decisions and leadership. Self-confident leaders also recognize the value of building self-confidence in others. Great leaders have perseverance to do what needs to be done regardless of the difficulty. They keep on keeping on. They continue look for ways to succeed when they hit a roadblock. Great leaders have passion for what they do in life and inspire others to follow. Passion is what ignites the heart and soul.

No matter how difficult, hectic, or crazy life gets...It's always up to each one of us to decide how we will lead in our life. I challenge you to lead your life with clarity, confidence, perseverance, and passion. 

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CDHA Applauds Government's Support of Increased Access to Oral Health Care

The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) welcomes the federal budget tabled by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland in the House of Commons on April 7. The federal budget includes funding of \$5.3 billion over five years, starting in 2022–2023, and \$1.7 billion ongoing, to Health Canada to provide dental care for Canadians. The federal government's plan starts with under-12-year-olds in 2022, and then expands to under-18-year-olds, seniors, and persons living with a disability in 2023, with full implementation by 2025.

CDHA applauds the investments in dental care for low-income Canadians. However, as CDHA President Wendy Stewart notes, "It's essential that the new federal dental program recognize the importance of preventive oral care for this vulnerable population. It must include reimbursement for dental hygiene services covered under the program." Essential prevention services provided by dental hygienists include oral hygiene instruction, debridement, fluoride applications, sealants, and oral cancer screenings.



Read the full update here: www.oralhealthgroup.com/news/cdha-applauds-governments-support-of-increased-access-to-oral-health-care-1003965888/



GSC and Community Partners Launch New Reports Uncovering Social Impact of Oral Health

Green Shield Canada (GSC), in partnership with Toronto Foundation, Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation and the Ottawa Community Foundation, is proud to announce the launch of a new series of social impact reports called *Left Behind: The State of Oral Health*. The three reports, available on the

Foundation partners' sites, delve into the local state of oral health in Toronto, Waterloo Region and Ottawa, exploring the social issues that impact access to oral health care.

In creating the *Left Behind: The State of Oral Health series*, GSC and its Foundation partners uncovered more alarming trends, including:

- Dental care is increasing in cost faster than nearly every other type of cost.
- There is strong racial inequity present in access to care.
- Precarious employment is making things worse.

View the full article here: <https://financialpost.com/globe-newswire/gsc-and-community-partners-launch-new-reports-uncovering-social-impact-of-oral-health>

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