

## **Eric Nielsen**

A results oriented, creative financial problem solver with a proven record of success in the not-for-profit and for-profit sectors. During a lengthy career, Eric has led the financial aspects of several complex amalgamations, consolidations, mergers and acquisitions. He has overseen the management and growth of several multi-million-dollar investment portfolios. With sound strategic advice, strong leadership and wise counsel Eric keeps organizations on a solid financial footing.

## **SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Provided financial leadership in the amalgamation of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Canada and Children's Wish Foundation of Canada involving nine accounting systems with nine different year ends.
- Provided financial leadership on the IPO team for PC Doc Group International, a North American software manufacturer, allowing their shares to be traded on Nasdaq and the TSE.
- Coordinated the evaluation and selection of investment managers and oversaw the management of multimillion dollar investment portfolios at Make-A-Wish Foundation of Canada achieving average growth of over 12% per year.
- Led the implementation of a new robust ERP charity/not for profit accounting system Financial Edge at four organizations.
- Effectively communicates and presents critical financial matters with recommendations to leadership teams, finance and audit committees, and boards of directors.

## PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- The Osborne Group
  - St Jude Community Homes
  - Make-A-Wish Foundation of Canada/Children's Wish Foundation of Canada
- University of St. Michael's College Interim Director of Finance
- University of Toronto Schools Interim Controller
- Art Gallery of Hamilton Director of Finance, Administration and Human Resources/CFO
- Starlight Children's Foundation Director of Finance/CFO
- New Age Accounting VP Finance and Administration/CFO

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Accounting and Finance Diploma Seneca College
- Treasurer, Board of Directors Toronto North Support Services

