At the heart of the Vanier Institute’s founding, survival and longevity lie the deep-rooted beliefs and devotion of a large number of individuals who believed in families of all shapes, sizes and composition, and who invested time, energy and loyalty to an organization committed to the well-being, evolution and growth of all families.

– CARMEN COUILLARD BJIerre, PhD

The consistent high quality media activity and the many publications constitute the Institute’s primary contribution to Canadians. This contribution has, very likely, prompted many Canadians to actively try to “feel and see” the current and historical complexities that inhabit each and every family in this land. Creating such awareness is not a small feat.

– JUDITH MARTIN, PHD

Equanimity refers to stability and composure in the face of change, disruption and unexpected events. Over the past 50 years, the Vanier Institute of the Family has demonstrated equanimity in the face of many dramatic changes in families. Throughout these five decades, the Vanier Institute has always been at the forefront of any emerging trends in family life. The Institute has been unwavering in giving precedence to data over rhetoric, thoughtful analysis over political lobbying and respect for all Canadian families over the championing of certain ways of being a family.

– KERRY DALY, PHD