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## Group of 78 Luncheon Speaker Series

# Kevin McCort

President & CEO, CARE Canada

## Delivering Assistance Amidst Conflict: Long-time Experience in Afghanistan and Pakistan

**Date:** Tuesday March 22, 2011

**Time:** 12:00 noon

**Place:** Palais Imperial, 311- 313 Dalhousie St., Ottawa

**Cost:** \$30 for luncheon and presentation

\$5 for presentation only

(For presentation only, please plan to arrive by 12:45. Coffee and tea will be available.)

**Reservations:** [group78@web.net](mailto:group78@web.net) or 613-230-0860 by Friday March 18, 2011.

We regret that late registrations cannot be accepted.

*The group is required to pay for those who reserve but do not come. Therefore, individuals who do not cancel their reservations at least 24 hours before the luncheon will be billed \$30.*

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Afghanistan and Pakistan together represent one of the most difficult regions in the world in terms of the struggle for progress in human development. Politically complex and unstable, riven with war and conflict, subject to elements of religious extremism, experiencing frequent human and natural disasters...these are some of the challenges for foreign support and intervention. How can an international humanitarian agency operate in this environment? What strategies are effective to assist people to develop in a self-reliant way? How can a civil society organization cooperate with – or stay distant from – military forces fighting in the same areas? How does it balance response to emergency conditions, such as floods and earthquakes, and the need for long-term development? Kevin McCort will recount the experience of CARE Canada, which has operated successfully in this region for decades. He will distill lessons learned, highlighting in particular the role of women and gender equality issues.

Kevin McCort, President and CEO of CARE Canada, has spent his life fighting global poverty. He has worked with people affected by drought and conflict in Somalia, with refugees in Kenya, people in Bosnia and Croatia caught in the civil war, and survivors of the Rwandan genocide. Kevin was one of the first humanitarian workers in Goma, DRC, when one million refugees flooded across the border. From 1997 to 2000 Kevin served as CARE Country Director in Zambia, developing and managing agriculture, education, health, and micro-enterprise programs, and has been President and Chief Executive Officer of CARE Canada since July 2007. Kevin earned his Executive MBA from the Queen's University School of Business in 2005.