

# Stage Intro

## IN-PERSON



Joe  
ROBERTS

Our (next) guest is the winner of the Ontario Premiers Award, The Courage to Come Back Award, has received an Honorary Doctorate from Laurentian University and was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General of Canada.

Joe's life wasn't however always this good, in fact 25 years ago he pushed a shopping cart in Vancouver's downtown eastside as a homeless drug addict.

Joe maximized his second chance in life to create extraordinary business success but he didn't stop there. Joe and his wife Marie, started The Push for Change, a 17 month, 9000 kilometre (5,600 mile) walk across Canada to raise awareness and funds for youth homelessness.

Joe's story is one of perseverance, determination and the resiliency of the human spirit. He is a living testament to the idea that **"anything is possible"**.

Would you please help me welcome,  
The Skidrow CEO, Joe Roberts