

## Appreciation & Recognition of participants

All applicants to the Renaissance Great Comebacks™ Program will receive a Renaissance Great Comebacks™ certificate in appreciation of their involvement.

### Regional Awards

From all the stories we receive, 5 regional awards (Pacific Canada, Western Canada, Ontario, Québec, and Atlantic Canada) will be selected and awarded:

- A monetary gift certificate
- A Renaissance Great Comebacks™ Regional Award Certificate
- A publication of his/her story in an upcoming issue of Ostomy Canada magazine

### National Ambassador Award

From the 5 regional award recipients, a National Ambassador will be selected and receive:

- A monetary gift certificate
- A Renaissance Great Comebacks™ National Ambassador Certificate
- A publication of his/her story in an upcoming issue of Ostomy Canada magazine

### Great Comebacks Youth® Award

From all the stories we receive from participants between the ages of 13 and 17 who are leading active, productive lives while managing an ostomy, a National Youth Ambassador will be selected and awarded:

- A monetary gift certificate
- A Renaissance Great Comebacks Youth® Award certificate
- A publication of his/her story in an upcoming issue of Ostomy Canada magazine

## Ready to participate?

Application forms for the 2016 Renaissance Great Comebacks™ Program are available through various convenient sources:

- By phone: Call the ConvaTec Customer Relations Center at 1-800-465-6302
- By E-mail: [convatec.canada@convatec.com](mailto:convatec.canada@convatec.com)
- By contacting the national office of the Ostomy Canada Society (OCS) at 1-888-969-9698 or your local AQPS chapter

All applications have to be returned to ConvaTec by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The only enrollment criteria: You must be a person living with an ostomy.

For further information, do not hesitate to call the ConvaTec Customer Relations Center at 1-800-465-6302 Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM EST



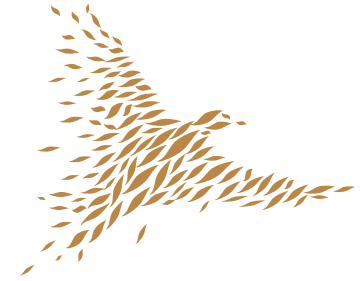
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Including:

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# Sharing stories, giving hope

The Renaissance Great Comebacks™ Program is dedicated to raise awareness of quality-of-life issues for people living with Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, colorectal cancer and other diseases that can lead to ostomy surgery. Open to individuals living with an ostomy, the program offers you the opportunity to share your comeback story and help give hope to others going through a challenging period.

As part of the Renaissance Great Comebacks™ Program, participants share their story by writing an essay on their life after ostomy surgery. From all the stories received across Canada, 5 regional finalists and a national award recipient will be selected. The program is designed to recognize individuals who:

- Have made significant achievements in his/her life following ostomy surgery.
- Have made a meaningful contribution to the community or to others around them.
- Have contributed to eliminating prejudicial misconceptions relating to people with ostomies in society.

The Renaissance Great Comebacks™ Program is a collaborative effort between ConvaTec, the Ostomy Canada Society (OCS), l'Association Québécoise des Personnes Stomisées (AQPS), and the Intestinal Disease Education and Awareness Society (IDEAS).

ConvaTec is a leading developer of innovative medical technologies that have helped improve the lives of millions of people worldwide. With our key business divisions – ostomy care, wound therapeutics, continence and critical care, and infusion devices – ConvaTec products support healthcare professionals from the hospital to the community health setting.

## What makes a Great Comeback?

Great Comebacks™ happen everywhere, everyday. They come from all walks of life, they represent all ages. What binds them together is more than their struggle with their illnesses; it is their unbeatable spirit for living. Among themselves, with the support from their friends and family members, they found the courage to persevere.

## 2015 Renaissance Great Comebacks™ Regional Winners:

Stan Panagiotidis (Ontario) | Ashley Piderman (Western Canada) | Jacques Beaudreault (Quebec)

## Renaissance Great Comebacks™ National Ambassador for 2015

Jacques Beaudreault (Quebec)



**JACQUES BEAUDREULT**

**NATIONAL & QUEBEC WINNER**

**NATIONAL AMBASSADOR FOR THE  
RENAISSANCE GREAT COMEBACKS™ PROGRAM**

I've lived with a stoma for the past 45 years. During these years, I've had 11 surgeries, 60 hospitalizations due to various complications and have greatly suffered. Today I have finally gotten rid of taboos surrounding my stoma but the path was long and difficult. I am honored to have been selected as National Ambassador for the 2015 Renaissance Great Comebacks™ Program as I am ready to further help those who like myself, could not take it anymore.

I am already committed to these individuals as President of l'Association des stomisés Richelieu-Yamaska. As a member of this association since 1987, I have helped people living with a stoma and have participated in numerous activities to help and to raise awareness. I plan helping all ostomates in Quebec (and beyond) by creating a documentary on the challenges I had to overcome.



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