

Who inspired us in 2016?

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Joe Roberts (right) is joined by a crowd of supporters on his Push for Change journey.

3. A journey to end youth homelessness: In 1989, Joe Roberts was battling a drug addiction, homeless and pushing a shopping cart through the streets of Vancouver. Today, he's still pushing a shopping cart—but this time it's across Canada to raise awareness and funds to prevent youth homelessness. Joe, the former President and CEO of a successful multimedia company, [fortunately found a life off the streets](#). But although his experience remains in the past, he knows first-hand the struggles homeless youth still face today—as well as the potential they have to turn their lives around when given the chance. Joe's cross-country trek began in St. John's this past spring and will end in Vancouver next fall. You can follow his 9,000 km journey by visiting The [Push for Change website](#).