# Be a Hero for a Better World



"Social entrepreneurs come from all levels of society and from communities in nearly every country of the world...Many of them have had a huge effect on the world, yet most people have not even heard of them – a trend we hope to change!"

## Jeff Skoll

(1965-)

Jeffrey Skoll is a Canadian-American businessman, philanthropist and movie producer who became one of the richest people in the world as eBay's first president. After helping eBay rise from startup to astounding success, he stepped down as president and cashed out \$2 billion of his stock in the company. He used this wealth to start up a movie production company, Participant Productions, whose first three films (Syriana, Good Night and Good Luck and North Country) brought in 11 Oscar Nominations in 2006. In 2007 the documentary An Inconvenient Truth won 2 Oscar nominations. In 1999, Jeff Skoll also created The Skoll Foundation to promote social entrepreneurship, endowing it with \$250 million of eBay stock. Social entrepreneurs are "leaders who have identified sustainable solutions to social problems that have fundamentally changed society." Jeff Skoll has won numerous awards and accolades for his philanthropic work, including the Outstanding Philanthropist Award from the International Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2003, and in 2006, Time Magazine named Jeffrey Skoll one of the 100 People of the Year.

Jeff Skoll was born on January 16, 1965 in Montreal, Canada

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"Not everyone can be Gandhi, but each of us has the power to make sure our own lives count – and it's those millions of lives that will ultimately build a better world." -- Jeff Skoll

#### **Organizations Supporting Social Entrepreneurs**

- Ashoka (ashoka.org)
- ChangeMakers.net (changemakers.net)
- Echoing Green (echoinggreen.org)
- Intl. Business Leaders Forum (iblf.org)
- Schwab Foundation For Social Entrepreneurship (schwabfound.org)
- Skoll Foundation (skollfoundation.org)
- YouthActionNet (youthactionnet.org)

### Do One Thing for a Better World