

# Maggie John

*Host. Facilitator. Panelist. Non-Profit Director*

## Maggie John's Biography

Maggie John is currently the Executive Director of The Baby Depot, a registered charity she started ten years ago in her basement. It currently serves 300 babies a year by providing a year's worth of clothing and baby essentials to families in need in Hamilton, Ontario.

Most recently, Maggie hosted the radio show *Toronto This Weekend*, which aired on 640 Toronto. She featured what was happening in the largest city in the country from politics, news, entertainment, culture, and so much more by interviewing politicians, entertainers and influencers in Toronto.

Maggie is the host of *HERE with Maggie John*, a podcast about life stories and lessons learned that asks what got you to the place you find yourself in at this point in your life. She is also the former anchor and producer of the current affairs TV show, *Context Beyond The Headlines*.

Maggie has been a national producer, field reporter, and TV host for over 20 years. She has covered a vast array of local, national and international stories – reporting on some of the biggest news events of our day – from the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that rocked Haiti in 2010 – to the historic story of Uganda recovering from years of war.

As a former host of the longest-running Canadian daily talk show, *100Huntley Street*, Maggie interviewed a wide variety of guests – people from all walks of life who are making a difference in their communities, authors, victims of crime, actors, filmmakers, directors, thought leaders, politicians, and musicians.

In the spring of 2023, Maggie moderated the first and most viewed Toronto Mayoral Debate hosted by the Daily Bread Food Bank, using her journalistic skills and gifts in interviewing to question each candidate about their intentions in becoming the next mayor of the city.



## Supporting Babies in Need

In 2013, while on maternity leave, Maggie started a charity in the basement of her home with a group of friends called The Baby Depot. They would collect gently used baby clothing and donate them to babies in need in the community. This has now grown into a fully registered charity that serves 300 babies a year.

Now instead of operating out of her basement - The Baby Depot has its own boutique space in Hamilton, Ontario that families get to visit and "shop" for free for their children. As the full-time Executive Director at The Baby Depot, Maggie is focused on growing the charity to its fullest potential and helping families in Toronto and the GTA.