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THE HONOURABLE DAVID CROMBIE, TORONTO CITY COUNCILLOR KAREN STINZ, BROADCASTER JOHN TORY AND COLUMNIST CHRISTOPHER HUME CHOSEN AS JUDGES FOR THE COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Jury members will vote by May 31 for Toronto's most deserving organization to receive
first time \$75,000 Award

Toronto, ON – April 28, 2011 – The Kiwanis Club of Toronto Foundation announced today that they have selected the Honourable **David Crombie** and Toronto City Councillor **Karen Stinz** and NewsTalk 1010AM broadcaster and former politician **John Tory** and Toronto Star Columnist **Christopher Hume** to be the four community members of the jury (outside of the Toronto Kiwanis Club) to select the winner of the **\$75,000 Award for the 2011 Toronto Kiwanis Foundation Community Achievement Award**.

This Award, created this year is designed to make a lasting impact on the downtown Toronto communities which the Toronto Kiwanis Club serves. The Kiwanis Club of Toronto Foundation created the award to recognize past achievements and reward proposed new or expanded ideas from charitable organizations and not-for-profit associations/groups which demonstrate extraordinary service to underprivileged children and youth in Toronto.

"We are committed to giving this award on an annual basis" says Bill Hines, President of The Kiwanis Club of Toronto Foundation. "For us, it means that we can be involved in even more projects and we are pleased that we can contribute to a future legacy project for the Toronto Kiwanis Club in Toronto." says Hines.

The Club and its Foundation support numerous projects in Toronto and have focused mainly in the Regent Park and St. Lawrence Neighbourhoods in downtown Toronto. Foremost among the ongoing projects are the Kiwanis Music Festival, to which they have contributed significantly since its inception in 1943; and the Kiwanis Toronto Boys and Girls Clubs on Spruce Street, to which they have given annual funding for over 65 years.

Just last year, The Kiwanis Club of Toronto has donated two million dollars to the Boys and Girls Club (TKBGC) to improve and expand the building occupied by the Club on Spruce Street.

The award submissions will be judged the last week of May by a panel jury to include several community leaders, a media personality or journalist, a politician, a local representative from the non profit sector and members of the Toronto Kiwanis Club Foundation Board.

The deadline date for applications is **Monday, May 2nd by 5:00 PM**, and will be accepted by email or by mail/courier. The award recipient will be announced May 31st and a public presentation and media event is planned for June 22nd.

The Honourable David Crombie

Involved early in Toronto's urban reform movement of the 1960's, David Crombie served as Toronto's mayor from 1972 to 1978 ambitiously challenging the traditional building and development policies in place at the time. Today, the St. Lawrence neighbourhood proudly exemplifies his transformed urban ideology. Towards the end of his municipal office, he shifted to federal politics as a member of the Progressive Conservative Party; after his election to the House of Commons, he served as Minister of Health and Welfare under the Clark government, and as Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs under Mulroney. In addition to these functions, he served as Secretary of State and Minister of Multiculturalism from 1986 to 1988. Advising and serving on numerous committees, both provincially and municipally, Crombie continued to focus his efforts in Toronto, recently retiring from his post as CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute.

Toronto Councillor Karen Stintz

Representing Ward 16, city councillor Karen Stintz defeated Anne Johnston in the Toronto municipal election of 2003. She continues to service to ward, and was re-elected as councillor in 2010. Acquiring seven years of experience in the public and private sectors before being elected, Councillor Stintz managed and delivered several multi-million dollar programs in the healthcare sector. She is currently the Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission, and sits on the City's Planning and Growth Management Committee. In addition, she is a member of the Providence Healthcare Foundation and GTAA's Community Environment & Noise Advisory Committee. Her focus towards the community is evident, serving as a member of the Uptown Yonge, Eglinton Way and the Yonge-Lawrence Village BIA's.

Broadcaster and Former Politician John Tory – NewsTalk 1010 AM

Widely recognized in the City of Toronto as being the favourite former runner-up to Mayor David Miller in the 2003 municipal election, John Tory is also a prominent business leader, political advisor, community activist, broadcaster and lawyer. In politics, he has served as the former leader of the Progressive Conservative party from 2000-2009, and has had numerous positions including Secretary to Bill David, former Premier of Ontario, Special Advisor to the Special Envoy on Acid Rain, and MPP of the Dufferin-Peel-Wellington Grey riding. He was the Campaign Manager and Tour Director for Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's campaign, and later managed the 1993 election campaign for successor Kim Campbell. Tory has also served as president and CEO for Rogers Media and Rogers Cable, and today he hosts two radio shows on NewsTalk 1010 AM, the John Tory Show and The Live Drive with John Tory. Aside from broadcasting, John has served as Chair of the Board for the Metro Toronto United Way and St. Michael's Hospital, and he is currently chair of the Toronto City Summit Alliance and the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) Bell Lightbox Campaign.

Christopher Hume – Columnist for The Toronto Star

Christopher Hume is the architecture critic and urban issues columnist of the Toronto Star. Since he started writing for the paper in 1981, Hume has been nominated for four National Newspaper Awards (critical writing category) and has received a certificate of appreciation from the Ontario Association of Architects. His book, William James' Toronto Views, won a Toronto Heritage Award in 2000. In 2004, he received a Landscape Ontario award. Hume appears frequently on radio and television as a commentator on city issues. Hume was named Toronto's best newspaper columnist by NOW magazine in 2005 and Eye magazine in 2006. Born in England in 1951, he came to Canada as a child. He was educated at the University of Toronto and Glendon College.

How to Apply

For a full listing of the award criteria, please visit www.torontokiwanis.ca for an application form and FAQ's about the award or call the Toronto Kiwanis Club office at 416-285-7903.

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