



News Release

Calling All Charities in the City of Toronto!

The Kiwanis Club of Toronto Foundation to donate \$75,000 through new Community Achievement Award

Toronto, ON – March 30 2011 - The Kiwanis Club of Toronto Foundation has just launched its first ever **Community Achievement Award** in the amount of \$75,000 to recognize non profit organizations and charities who plan to undertake a project which will significantly impact the lives of underprivileged children and youth in Toronto. The application for this award of distinction will be available to all non-for-profit organizations with a registered charitable number, which are represented by the constituency governed by the boundaries of the old City of Toronto, and applicants should be working within these boundaries.

“This award is expected to be given annually” says Bill Hines, President of The Kiwanis Club of Toronto Foundation. “It is a means to promote even more projects for our constituents and we are pleased to support the establishment of a future legacy in Toronto.” says Hines.

The Club and its Foundation support numerous projects. Foremost among those 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 60 years. Recently, The Kiwanis Club donated one million dollars to the TKBGC to improve and expand the building occupied by the Club for many years.

The award submissions will be judged by a panel including a community leader, an invited guest from the media, a local representative from the non profit sector and members of the Foundation Board. The deadline date for applications is **Monday, May 2nd by 5:00 PM**, submitted electronically or by mail. The award recipient will be announced May 31st and a public presentation and media event is planned for June 22nd.

About The Foundation

Over the years, the Kiwanis Club of Toronto Foundation has given millions of dollars to numerous organizations serving underprivileged children and youth within that community. To reward extraordinary community contribution is not a new undertaking for The Kiwanis Club of Toronto, which established the Foundation to involve itself actively in improving the lives of underprivileged children and youth through volunteer activities and financial assistance.

This award was created to make a lasting impact on the communities which the Toronto Kiwanis Club serves. The Kiwanis Club of Toronto Foundation designed it to recognize and reward the community achievements of charitable organizations and not-for-profit associations/groups which demonstrate extraordinary service to the children and youth of our community.

How to Apply

For a full listing of the award criteria, please visit <http://www.torontokiwanis.ca/foundation> or call the Toronto Kiwanis Club office at 416-285-7903. Electronic applications may be in word (.doc) or PDF (.pdf) formats. If *mailing by post*, please include *two paper* copies.

Membership Information

New members are always welcome! Membership in the downtown club is available for anyone living or working in the City of Toronto. For membership information please visit the website or call the office to receive an invitation to the next lunch meeting with their compliments. The Toronto Kiwanis Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at The National Club on Bay St. in downtown Toronto.

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