



## National Philanthropy Day®

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### **Local Philanthropists To Be Honoured**

WINDSOR, ON (Monday, November 9, 2009): Some of the most philanthropic individuals and groups from Chatham-Kent and Windsor-Essex will be honoured at the Association of Fundraising Professionals - Canada South Chapter's National Philanthropy Day Awards Ceremony on Thursday, November 12, 2009, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., at the Ambassador Golf Club in LaSalle.

The *Outstanding Philanthropist* award will be presented to Andrew Faas for his generous contributions to the Foundation of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, St. Clair College, the Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF), Canada's Immigration Museum and Doctors Without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontieres, among many other local, national and international organizations.

The Joan and Clifford Hatch Foundation will receive the *Outstanding Philanthropic Group* award for their numerous gifts to charitable organizations in this region including, the Art Gallery of Windsor, the University of Windsor, Windsor Essex Community Foundation, Windsor Symphony Orchestra and the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), among many others.

Other recipients include:

- *Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer*: Lori Coulter
- *Spirit of Philanthropy* (Individual): Sharon Blok-Andersen
- *Spirit of Philanthropy* (Group): In Honour of the Ones We Love
- *Outstanding Business/Corporation*: Motor City Community Credit Union
- *Youth in Philanthropy*: St. Anne French Immersion School

In its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, National Philanthropy Day®, held annually worldwide on November 15<sup>th</sup>, was recently declared by the Minister of Canadian Heritage as a nationally-recognized day in Canada. In honour of this day, the Association of Fundraising Professionals-Canada South Chapter, and other AFP Chapters worldwide, hosts a National Philanthropy Day Awards Ceremony in an effort to publicly pay tribute to the many contributions that philanthropy – and the individuals and groups who are active in the philanthropic community – has made to our lives, our communities and our world.

Why do we celebrate philanthropy? Consider the impact of the charitable sector and the increasing role it plays in our societies and countries around the world:

- Billions of dollars given every year
- Millions of programs and services
- Connecting individuals to causes, and to each other
- Fostering civic participation
- Improving the quality of life for all people

In Canada, more than 88,000 charities provide countless services to millions of Canadians, who in turn contributed about \$6 billion to those organizations.

### **About the AFP Canada South Chapter**

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents nearly 28,000 members in more than 190 Chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession.

The AFP Canada South Chapter was incorporated in 2001. The Chapter is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors that organizes several fundraising events annually, including fundraising seminars, the National Philanthropy Day Awards and the Fundraising Day Workshop, among others. For details, visit [www.afpcanadasouth.org](http://www.afpcanadasouth.org).

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