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## **CHELSEA HOTEL RECEIVES THE HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD Hall of Fame Awards of Excellence**

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TORONTO – The [Chelsea Hotel, Toronto](#) has been awarded the 'Humanitarian Award' at the annual Hotel Association of Canada's Hall of Fame Awards of Excellence event on February 16, 2017. This award program was developed in 2004 with the purpose of recognizing those of its members (individuals, companies, properties) that have demonstrated significant accomplishments, exemplary leadership and tireless commitment to Canada's lodging industry.

For the past 15 years, Chelsea Hotel has raised money in support of their charitable partners - Special Olympics Canada, Habitat for Humanity Toronto, and the SickKids Foundation. The Chelsea Charity Golf Classic has raised over \$1M for the aforementioned charities. Funds raised by this event provided Habitat for Humanity Toronto enough money to build a home for a family each year, making the hotel an Official Home Donor. In 2013, Chelsea Hotel announced a new partnership with SickKids Foundation, in which the hotel committed to a five year fundraising plan with a goal of \$500,000 to support [AboutKidsHealth](#). So far, the hotel has raised close to \$300,000.

The Chelsea Hotel also prides itself in playing an active role in retaining human dignity, one of the components of humanitarianism. The hotel is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities have access to the same information as all guests – consistent with the principles of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity. As a result of this commitment, Chelsea Hotel, Toronto is fully compliant with the AODA Act and strives to be the leader in accessible tourism in Toronto. In recognition of the hotel's commitment, the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario chose the Chelsea Hotel for the '2016 Accessible Tourism Award'.

"Helping people in our communities is not just a nice thing to do, it is an expression of what it means to be a Chelsea Hotel employee," says Josef Ebner, regional vice-president – Canada & managing director, Chelsea Hotel, Toronto. "Our commitment to our community is a natural extension of our Chelsea CARES program, which helps Toronto's hospital community provide

complimentary hotel rooms to families in need and includes a five year sponsorship of SickKids Foundation.”

For more information about the Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, please visit [www.chelseatoronto.com](http://www.chelseatoronto.com) or call 1-800-CHELSEA (243-5732). Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

### **About the Chelsea Hotel, Toronto**

As Canada's largest hotel with 1,590 guest rooms, the Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, is centrally located and just steps from the city's best shopping districts, world-class theatres, vibrant nightlife and exciting attractions. A full-service urban resort, the Chelsea Hotel has room types to suit everyone and the hotel offers three restaurants, separate adult and family recreation areas and pools – including the "Corkscrew" - downtown Toronto's only indoor waterslide. As a premier family destination, the hotel offers a full range of services including the Family Fun Zone, Kid Centre and Club 33 Teen Lounge. The Chelsea Hotel, Toronto is an independent property as part of the [Langham Hospitality Group's](#) international portfolio of hotels and resorts. For more information about the Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, please log on to [www.chelseatoronto.com](http://www.chelseatoronto.com)

