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Join The Hearing Foundation of Canada at the 2016 Hearing Health Awards Gala

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Toronto, ON — The Hearing Foundation of Canada (THFC) is pleased to announce the inaugural THFC Hearing Health Awards, honouring those who have made an impact in hearing health through their achievements and philanthropy.

In order to recognize a number of community members who have made a difference in the world of hearing health awareness, an awards ceremony will be held on **Thursday, February 25th from 5:30 to 7:00PM** at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in downtown Toronto. The event will include a short reception and photo opportunity with significant members of the hearing health community. The award categories and their recipients are:

- **Outstanding Youth Award** – *Brendan Scaldwell*
 - Brendan is an 11-year-old boy with hearing loss who independently hosted a fundraising bicycle ride. He rode 100km to raise awareness for hearing loss.
- **Outstanding Volunteer Award** – *Candace Chattergoon*
 - Candace's commitment to hearing health included volunteering long-term with THFC.
- **Outstanding Philanthropist Award** – *Richard Rooney*
 - Mr. Rooney is a former THFC board member and has demonstrated extraordinary generosity to help advance hearing health in Canada.
- **Excellence in Education Award** – *Paul Harris*
 - Paul Harris is a THFC Sound Sense coordinator, and his excellent program delivery ensures children regularly hear the important message of hearing protection.
- **Outstanding Contribution to Research** – *Gordon Mason*
 - Gordon Mason has been supporting THFC's medical research initiatives at a significant level since 1998, and is an invaluable supporter of hearing health research in Canada.

This is a great opportunity to remind Canadians of the importance of hearing health, and the need for more awareness and funding into research. THFC looks forward to honouring the award recipients, and thanking the greater hearing health community for the work done this past year.

NB: This is not a fundraising event.

About The Hearing Foundation of Canada

The Hearing Foundation of Canada is a national charitable organization committed to improving hearing health by fostering safe listening habits and hearing loss detection from an early age, raising awareness about the consequences of hearing loss, and supporting medical research that improves diagnosis and treatment.

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