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STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM OABE

Oakville, ON. – Feb. 22, 2012 – This year’s Oakville Awards for Business Excellence (OABE) will see at least 14 Oakville graduating high school students benefitting from the proceeds of this prestigious event. At the Oakville Conference Centre Wednesday, March 7th, 2012 awards for business excellence will be presented to six outstanding businesses and entrepreneurs of 2011. Funds that are raised from partners, supporters and ticket sales of this gala event will benefit local youth.

Scholarships of \$2,000 each and bursaries of \$1,000 each will assist Oakville High School students to further their post-secondary education. The scholarships are based on academic excellence and community service. The bursaries are determined by financial need. The deadline for completed applications to Rotary is March 23.

Applicants are graduating students from Oakville’s high schools from both Halton Public and Halton Catholic School Boards. The Rotary Clubs work with high school guidance staff who collect the applications from students exemplifying academic excellence and community involvement, and also from those demonstrating financial need. Student Rotary Award recipients are acknowledged at the annual Oakville Awards for Academic Excellence held in late May or early June each year. Rotary Club of Oakville West hosted the Award Dinner last year where more than 30 graduating high school students were Rotary award recipients for financial support of their post-secondary education.

“To sponsor these young people in their passion for learning and acknowledge their contribution to this community is both humbling and rewarding,” said Ben Custodio, Chair of New Generation Committee for Rotary Club of Oakville West. “It is a privilege to meet them and support their educational endeavours in a positive and meaningful way.”

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The OABE is a program of the Rotary Club of Oakville West in partnership with the Oakville Chamber of Commerce. Working together, the two groups have grown and refined this premier event that is now in its 17th year. With the success of the OABE program through sponsorship and ticket sales, Rotary Club of Oakville West receives the financial resources necessary to support the many youth initiatives of the local service club. Everyone benefits from this wonderful program with approximately \$40,000 going directly to youth development.

The Oakville Awards for Business Excellence Gala begins at 5:30pm Wednesday, March 7th with registration, dinner and awards presentation at the Oakville Conference Centre, 2515 Wycroft Road, Oakville. Tickets are \$125.00 per person. For more information or to reserve your tickets today, click on the OABE website at www.oabe.ca or call the Oakville Chamber of Commerce 905-845-6613.

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