

# THE 2013 OAKVILLE AWARDS



Rotary Club  
of  
Oakville West

## for Business Excellence



### Saluting the best of local business

*Greetings from the Oakville Awards for Business Excellence partners*

Now in its 18th year, the Oakville Awards for Business Excellence (OABE) are dedicated to recognizing exemplary models of excellence and community service by Oakville's businesses. On behalf of the Oakville Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Oakville West (RCOW), we commend all the nominees for this year's OABE on the dedication and hard work which led to their nomination. What an outstanding achievement!

As business people and entrepreneurs, we want to be able to focus our efforts on creating value, creating jobs and building something meaningful – we often risk our livelihoods and our life savings doing so. These awards recognize local businesses for the invaluable contribution they make to the community's economic development, unique character and outstanding quality of life.

Being recognized by one's peers, either through an OABE nomination or award, is a thank you for the hard work and risk nominees have incurred. As ambassadors for business in Oakville, nominees and award recipients provide guidance and inspiration to new and seasoned businesses as well as young, aspiring entrepreneurs. They help foster the spirit of adventure and enterprise, risk and reward for young people and so it is fitting that the proceeds from the OABE help support Rotary youth programs.

New awards have been introduced this year to further reflect and recognize Oakville's business community:

- Oakville's Restaurateur of the Year (separated from Hospitality)
- Oakville's Hospitality or Visitor Attraction of the Year
- Oakville's Young Entrepreneur of the Year
- Oakville's Employee of the Year
- Business Icon Award

The 48 finalists have demonstrated outstanding business acumen and have given back to their community ensuring the quality of life we enjoy continues.

Please join us in celebrating at the Oakville Awards for Business Excellence Gala on Wednesday, March 27 at the Oakville Conference Centre.



Julia Hanna  
Chair of the Board  
Oakville Chamber of Commerce



Duncan McLeod  
President  
Rotary Club of Oakville West



**Entrepreneur of the Year** – The Wine Ladies – Georgia Mense-Chase & Susanne Seelig-Mense

The award recipients of the 17th Annual Oakville Awards for Business Excellence (OABE) were recognized for their exemplary models of business excellence and community service.

Six awards for business excellence in 2011 were presented to Oakville's outstanding businesses and entrepreneurs.



**Community Builder of the Year** Genworth Financial Canada – Linda Belanger & Winsor Macdonell



**Small Company of the Year** – Factory Tile Depot – Oakville – Dan Welland



**Large Company of the Year** Fourmark Manufacturing Inc. – Adam Cruickshank



**Professional Service Provider of the Year** MEDichair Halton – Kristin & David Courtney



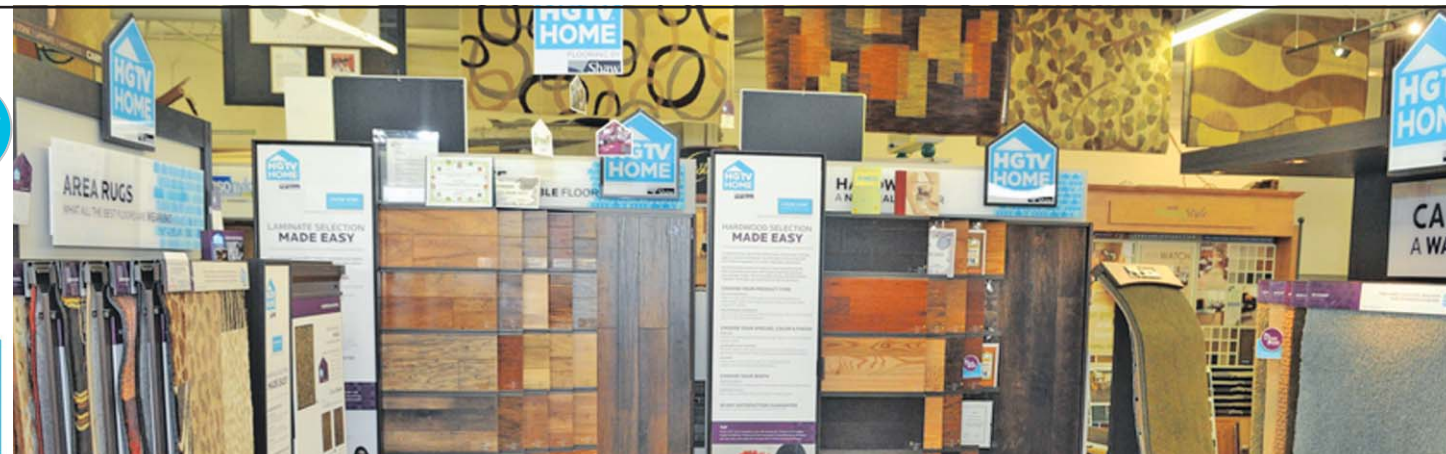
**Restaurant/Hospitality/Tourism Provider of the Year** Homewood Suites by Hilton Toronto/Oakville – Christina Anderson

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*Congratulations to  
all this year's  
nominees!*

Oakville Chamber of Commerce Member 25 Years  
2010 Winner: Small Company of the year

