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**CANADA'S BUSINESS ELITE SUPPORT REDUCTION OF YOUTH VIOLENCE**

**TORONTO** - Tonight, over 500 people from some of Canada's leading corporations will join the Canadian Safe School Network at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto, for the Eleventh Annual Unforgettable Dinner. The gala is held in support of the reduction of youth violence in schools and communities across Canada. *Citytv's Mark Dailey will act as Master of Ceremonies and will be piped in along with Toronto Chief of Police, William Blair.*

"We are extremely pleased with the incredible level of support for this year's Unforgettable Dinner. It demonstrates that the business community supports our initiatives to reduce youth violence, and shares our goal of safer schools and communities," said Stuart Auty, President of the Canadian Safe School Network.

Companies showing their support include the evening's presenting sponsor, Loblaw Companies Ltd., as well as Cineplex Entertainment, Bell Canada, Petro-Canada, Scotiabank, and TD Bank Financial Group. School boards from across Ontario will also be in attendance.

School principals and schools across Ontario will be recognized for their outstanding contribution in the area of Safe Schools. The Galen Weston Award and the President's Award will also be handed out.

The gala will highlight the *Unforgettable* Five Course Menu, prepared by David Garcelon, Executive Chef, Fairmont Royal York, as well as live and silent auctions. The Canadian Safe School Network expects to raise over \$100,000 through the Unforgettable Dinner, the organization's largest fundraising event of the year. All proceeds from the Unforgettable Dinner will be used to develop anti-bullying resources for schools, send youth to safe school conferences, develop research and conferences for educators and raise awareness about youth violence issues.

The Canadian Safe School Network (CSSN) is a national, grassroots, registered charitable organization dedicated to reducing youth violence and making schools and communities safer. Founded in 1997, the organization grew out of the Ontario Safe School Task Force and currently delivers anti-bullying resources to over 1 million youth across Canada. For more information on CSSN, its work and the resources available for schools and parents, please visit [www.canadiansafeschools.com](http://www.canadiansafeschools.com).

**Photo Opportunities:**

7:10 p.m. – Head table, including Chief William Blair, Gerry Connelly (Director, Toronto D.S.B.), Kevin Kobus (Director, Toronto Catholic D.S.B.), Stu Auty (President, CSSN) and Mark Dailey, will be piped in with the Toronto Police Service Ceremonial Unit.