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A Champion Is Honoured

Toronto, June 2, 2008: Addiction is a serious health, social and economic problem. The best way to battle the problem is with committed, knowledgeable professionals. Tonight, June 2, at the Addictions Ontario Annual General Meeting one of the true champions of the addiction field in Ontario will be honoured. Dr. Meldon Kahan of St. Joseph's Health Centre, Toronto will receive the Presidents Shield and the accolades of his colleagues. The event will be held at the Stage West Hotel on Dixie road starting at 5:30 PM.

Dr. Meldon Kahan is the Medical Director of Addictions Medicine Service at St. Joseph's Health Centre's Mental Health & Addictions Program.

He works tirelessly to ensure quality care for his patients. In that capacity he has significant involvement with the College of Physician and Surgeons of Ontario in the promoting and training of addictions. For example, he was a major force in getting addictions as a core curriculum in the new Northern School of Medicine.

Along with developing a train the trainers model for physician in 2005 and 2006, he has facilitated the medical component of the Withdrawal Management Core Skills Course and is an advisor to the ongoing development of treatment standards. Dr Kahan is also an accomplished researcher in the field of addictions medicine. However, his greatest accomplishment is the thousands individual lives he has impacted.

Addictions Ontario representing the addiction recovery programs in the province is celebrating 40 years of serving individuals and families suffering with substance abuse and other behavioral health issues. Not satisfied with just treating the problem, the association was the founder of national Drug Awareness Week. Last year the organization embarked on another initiative, Recovery Awareness Month in September spreading the word that treatment works and a full recovery from an addiction is possible.

The President's Shield is presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to Addictions Ontario and the field of addictions in Ontario.

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