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## The Mahatma Gandhi Centre of Canada, 2015

The Mahatma Gandhi Centre of Canada was formed in 2008. Since its inception, October 2<sup>nd</sup> (the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi) has been declared as "Mahatma Gandhi Day" through a Provincial Proclamation each year. We have a statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the entrance to The Canadian Museum for Human Rights at The Forks. The entrance to The Forks from the Main Street has been appropriately named "The Mahatma Gandhi Way" by the City Council and the Hon Mayor of Winnipeg.

Since 2010 The Centre has been conferring "THE MAHATMA GANDHI PEACE AWARD" to recognize and honour original thinkers and initiators of conflict resolution. The recipients of the Awards are:

2010 - Dr. Izzeldine Aboulaish,

2011 - Mr. Avrum Burg,

2012 - Senator (retired Lt. Gen.) Romeo Dallaire

2013 - Justice Murray Sinclair

The nominees for the 2015 Award are the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Ms. Gail Asper and Mr. Moe Levy. We are very pleased that our nominees have accepted to receive the Awards. The Award ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 6 PM in the Buhler Hall of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights, 85 Israel Asper Way, Winnipeg, MB.

Also to be presented will be "COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS" by the Mahatma Gandhi Centre of Canada.

The announcement of the donation of \$100,000 by Drs. G and K. Dakshinamurti for the establishment of the "MAHATMA GANDHI SCHOLARSHIP IN HUMAN RIGHTS" at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and the University of Manitoba will be made at this time.

Members of the Ad hoc Committee (in addition to Members of the Board): Mr. Neil Duboff, Mr. John Kearsey, Mr. Ted Marcellino, Mr. Bhadresh Bhatt and Mr. Derek Dabee.

**Tickets:** \$100 (\$50 tax receipt); Corporate Table Sponsorship:\$2500. All proceeds go towards the Scholarship Fund.

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