



Press Release, March 20, 2017

Mahatma Gandhi Centre of Canada is pleased to announce the recipients of the **Mahatma Gandhi Peace Awards** for 2016 and 2017. The recipient of the 2016 Award is the human rights activist Mr. David Matas. The recipient of the 2017 Award is the philanthropist Mr. Art DeFehr. The Awards will be bestowed at a Gala Dinner on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at the Canad Inns Polo Park. **Community Service Recognition Awards** will also be presented to various leaders of the Manitoba community at this time. The recipient of the **Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship in Human Rights** at the University of Manitoba will also be recognized on this occasion.

The **Mahatma Gandhi Centre of Canada Inc.** is a non-share, non-profit registered charitable organization. Its principal aim is to foster and propagate Mahatma Gandhi's teachings of non-violence, the all-pervading spirit of truth and tolerance of diversity. In 2010 the Centre instituted the "Mahatma Gandhi Peace Award" to recognize and honour original thinkers and initiators of conflict resolution. Recipients of this Award have been: Dr Izzeldin Aboulaish, popularly known as the "Gaza Doctor"; Mr. Avrum Burg, former Speaker of the Israeli Knesset; Senator Romeo Dallaire; Senator Murray Sinclair; the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Dr Gail Asper and Mr. Moses Levy. In 2015, Community Service Recognition Awards were initiated to recognize individual contributions to the Manitoba community. Last year, through a donation from the Dakshinamurtis, the Mahatma Gandhi Centre established the *Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship in Human Rights*, tenable at the University of Manitoba and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. The Mahatma Gandhi Centre also has the objective of establishing a research centre and foundation to promote the dissemination of Gandhian teachings through education.

The Mahatma Gandhi Peace Awards Dinner Gala
Thursday, June 8, 2017
Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park
1405 St. Matthews Ave., Winnipeg, MB

Reception: 6.00 PM | Program: 7:00 PM | Dinner: 8:00 PM
Tickets: \$100 (\$50 tax receipt)

For tickets and further information please contact;

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