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CANADA'S FINANCIAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF FIGHTING CHILD ABUSE

***HELP FOR CHILDREN CANADA'S ANNUAL BENEFIT TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
ON HISTORIC TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE TRADING FLOOR***

Toronto, ON, September 11, 2018 – On Thursday, September 20, leaders of Canada's financial services community and friends will gather on the trading floor of the historic Toronto Stock Exchange for the 15th Annual Open Your Hearts to the Children Benefit, a fundraising evening in support of Help for Children/Hedge Funds Care (HFC) Canada.

All proceeds will go towards supporting [local and national charities](#) that are dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse. Through the charitable goodwill of local industry professionals, HFC Canada was founded in 2003 as an affiliate of Help For Children, a global non-profit based in New York City whose mission is to prevent and treat child abuse in 13 cities in seven countries around the world.

"We are grateful for the generous support of the financial services community, particularly Canada's hedge fund industry, which has been a champion of this impactful initiative from the very beginning," said HFC Canada President and Director and Goldman Communications CEO Corey Goldman. "As we mark our 15th year in Canada, we are pleased with what we have accomplished, but also cognizant of the work ahead that still needs to be completed to continue to combat and treat child abuse and neglect."

To date, HFC Canada has distributed nearly C\$1.7 million in 57 grants, helping to make a local impact on thousands of lives each year. Through successful fundraising events and other initiatives, HFC Canada has taken a leadership role in reducing trauma, building individual strengths, decreasing risk and strengthening families in the Toronto and surrounding areas.

"Funding for these grants is a direct result of the support received from Canada's financial services and alternative investment community," commented event Co-Chairs Rees Barnett of Pietas Capital and Rob Duncan of NextEdge Capital. "Much of what has been accomplished would not be possible without the support of our national and global sponsors, including Citco Canada, Arrow Capital, Polar Securities, Ernst & Young, TD Securities and many others."

About Help For Children / Hedge Funds Care

Help For Children (HFC), a not-for-profit established in 1998, is a global foundation dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse through the support of the alternative investment community. Founded as Hedge Funds Care with deep roots in the hedge fund industry, today HFC is the alternative investment industry's leading charity, with support from the hedge fund, private equity, venture capital, and real estate investment sectors as well as the financial services industry. Since its inception, HFC has funded more than \$51 million in grants to organizations in seven countries across four major impact areas – decreasing risk, strengthening families, reducing trauma and building individual strengths – with the goal of making the world a safer place for children. For more information, visit canada.hfc.org.

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