

LEGEND OF DISTINCTION celebration day

THE EVENT | FAST FACTS

LEGEND OF DISTINCTION CELEBRATION DAY

November 25th, 2018, 12:30pm-1:30pm
The Toronto Congress Centre, North Building, 1020 Room

- **PRESENTING CHARITY:** Jake's House for Children with Autism
- **AWARD:** Legend of Distinction
- **IN HONOUR OF:** Superintendent Ron Taverner
- **GUEST SPEAKER:** Chief of Police Mark Saunders

The Jake's House Leadership Network, along with other influential community members and public officials, are gathering to celebrate the power of philanthropy and community, as we fete the inaugural Jake's House Legend of Distinction.

THE HONOUR | LEGEND OF DISTINCTION

This honour recognizes an individual who has made a significant impact on the advancement of the Jake's House mission—to provide meaningful support to Canadian families living with autism. We are paying tribute to a passionate leader with an unwavering commitment to giving back and an unparalleled conviction to create positive change in our community: Superintendent Ron Taverner.

THE RECIPIENT | SUPERINTENDENT RON TAVERNER

Currently in his 51st year with the Toronto Police Service, Superintendent Ron Taverner has earned the respect and trust of the public and of officials over his five decades of service, and has received numerous awards, including the Medal of Merit from the Governor General of Canada in 2009.

Ron is also an active participant in several charitable organizations, including Jake's House. He has been a part of the Jake's House family since it was founded in 2004, offering help any way he could along the way—from supporting every event Jake's House has hosted to introducing us to countless supporters. Ron is a community builder, and this is something Jake's House values above all else.

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presented to:

**SUPERINTENDENT
RON TAVERNER**

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THE CHARITY | JAKE'S HOUSE

Founded in 2004, Jake's House for Children with Autism is a national registered charity, committed to providing meaningful support to Canadian families living with autism. We are building a community that understands and cares; mobilizing support and making social impact through three main initiatives:

LEGENDS MENTORING PROGRAM: Backed by the Province of Ontario and delivered in collaboration with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada, this program pairs individuals on the spectrum with caring mentors, who guide and encourage them.

INCLUSIVE LIVING SOLUTIONS: Currently in development, our solutions will address Canada's housing gap for those with ASD, and make a range of needed supports accessible, ensuring individuals' unique needs are met.

COMMUNITY EVENTS: We host fun, interactive events for the autism community. Our signature event, the annual Holiday Party, has been welcoming and spreading joy amongst hundreds of families for 14 years.



THE CAUSE | AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects the way a person relates to the people and world around them. It is a lifelong developmental disorder, especially affecting social communication, and it is one of the most common disabilities in Canada:

- 1 IN 66 CANADIAN CHILDREN HAVE AUTISM
- 1% OF OUR GLOBAL POPULATION HAS AUTISM

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