

Introducing seven of Canada's most inspiring, community-minded young people, the HSBC Future Leaders!

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Part of new national youth recognition program stemming from HSBC's \$1m donation to Breakfast Club of Canada, made in honour of Canada's 150th anniversary this year

TORONTO, Nov. 18, 2017 /CNW/ - Earlier today HSBC Bank Canada (HSBC) and the Breakfast Club of Canada recognized seven inspiring, community-minded young people from across Canada as *HSBC Future Leaders* at a special recognition event at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto. Helping make it a day to remember were special guests **Col. Chris Hadfield**, first Canadian Commander of the International Space Station, and **Ziya Tong**, Host of Discovery Channel's Daily Planet.

"From championing eco-friendly programs, advocating for social justice and mental health initiatives, to supporting diversity and inclusion in their schools and communities, these seven amazing young people are making Canada a better place," said **Larry Tomei**, Executive Vice-President, and Head of Retail Banking & Wealth Management, HSBC Bank Canada. "As Canada's leading international bank, we share their passion for excellence and community and it's with great pleasure that we recognize them as *HSBC Future Leaders* in partnership with the Breakfast Club of Canada!"

Without further ado, the HSBC Future Leaders are:

1. **Angelo** – age 10, grade 5 student in Montreal, QC
Future ambition: Chef
2. **Cedonna** – age 17, grade 12 student in Toronto, ON
Future Ambition: Optometrist
3. **Hayeden** – age 9, grade 4 student in Calgary, AB
Future Ambition: Firefighter
4. **Elizabeth** – age 11, grade 7 student in Vancouver, BC
Future Ambition: Mechanic or Prime Minister of Canada
5. **Ethan** – age 12, grade 7 student in Vancouver, BC
Future Ambition: City Planner
6. **Holly** – age 18, grade 12 student in Toronto, ON
Future Ambition: Forensic psychologist or behaviour analyst
7. **Kayla** – age 17, grade 12 in Saskatoon, SK
Future Ambition: Nurse

The final seven *HSBC Future Leaders* were selected from a total of 21 students in grades four to 12 – nominated by school administrators from schools across Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Montreal and Saskatoon – with the final seven selected by a panel of judges who considered the nominations based on four areas: inspiration, impact, sustainability and collaboration.

In addition to a trip to Toronto to attend today's recognition event and honourees' luncheon, each student will receive a \$1,000 High Rate Savings Account (HRSA) from HSBC Bank Canada to help them plan and save for their future educational goals.¹

HSBC's partnership with Breakfast Club of Canada:

In honour of Canada's 150th anniversary this year, HSBC Bank Canada is donating \$1m to the Breakfast Club of Canada to provide 4,500 youth each year in Vancouver, Calgary, Saskatoon, Toronto and Montreal with access to healthy breakfasts, over the next three years (2017-19).

"Canada is one of the best countries in the world to live and work, so it can be hard to believe that one in five Canadian children currently live in poverty, therefore at risk of going to school hungry," said **Daniel Germain**, Founding President of Breakfast Club of Canada. "Our kids deserve better. With the help from partners like HSBC, we can help youth access healthy breakfasts so they can fuel their minds, bodies and dreams for the future."

HSBC's support will also see 50 school kitchens equipped to prepare healthy breakfasts, and HSBC employees across the country will continue to participate in Breakfast Club of Canada's 'Adopt a School' volunteer program.

About Breakfast Club of Canada

Breakfast Club of Canada is a non-profit organization that provides funding, equipment, training and support

to school breakfast programs across the country. We are dedicated to making sure every child starts their day with a meal, helping them thrive at school, and in their community. Founded in Quebec in 1994, Breakfast Club of Canada began to fund and support school breakfast programs nationwide in 2005.

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