

## *PEI Friends of True Patriot Love*

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### **Lt.-Gen. Roméo Dallaire to Headline *PEI Friends of True Patriot Love* 2017 Tribute Dinner Nov. 9**

*PEI Friends of True Patriot Love* are delighted to announce that Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire, O.C., C.M.M., G.O.Q., M.S.C., C.D. (Retired) will be our keynote speaker at the second biennial *PEI Friends of True Patriot Love* Tribute Dinner, scheduled for Thursday, 9 November at the Delta Prince Edward in Charlottetown. A celebrated advocate for human rights, especially in regards to child soldiers, Veterans, and the prevention of mass atrocities, General Dallaire is also a respected government and UN adviser, a best-selling author, and former Canadian Senator.

*Shake Hands with the Devil: the Failure of Humanity in Rwanda*, won the Governor General's Literary Award for Non-Fiction in 2004 and the Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for political writing awarded by the Writers' Trust of Canada. It provided the basis for an Emmy Award-winning documentary as well as a major motion picture of the same name; and, has been entered into evidence in war crimes tribunals trying the perpetrators of the Rwandan genocide. He has devoted decades of passionate leadership and advocacy on behalf of other Veterans struggling with PTSD, including the publication of his bestselling memoir: *Waiting for First Light: My Ongoing Battle with PTSD*.

Mr. Allan Callard, founder of *PEI Friends of True Patriot Love* and former chair of the organizing committee noted that, "*It was a distinct privilege to host over 100 military, Veterans and family members at our 2015 Tribute Dinner and we hope to invite some 200 as our guests on November 9<sup>th</sup>*".

The 2017 event is expected to raise more than double the \$60,000+ contributed in 2015 to the True Patriot Love Foundation in support of PEI Veterans, military and their families. Varying levels of sponsorship opportunities are now available. Individual tickets will go on sale in September. Chair of the 2017 Tribute Dinner is Ms. Valerie Docherty, former PEI MLA, Cabinet Minister, and herself the proud mother of a serving member.

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PICTURE: LT. GEN. ROMÉO DALLAIRE

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