

Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire to Bring Challenging Message to PEI Tribute Dinner, Nov. 9 at the Delta



LGen Roméo Dallaire (ret.) will be the keynote speaker at the second biennial *PEI Friends of True Patriot Love* Tribute Dinner, Thursday, November 9 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, LGen Dallaire is also a respected government and UN adviser, a best-selling author, and former Canadian Senator. Gen Dallaire has said that he will address “*very challenging dimensions of the future of our country in the world and where we as Canadians fit into it*”, noting further that “*Canadians are being asked on a daily basis to re-engage with humanity and the global quest for peace.*”

“Life changing” Veterans Programs funded by the True Patriot Love Foundation (TPL)

Programs like the *Veterans Transition Network* (VTN) are now available to Veterans in Prince Edward Island, supported by the more than \$60,000 raised at the first biennial *PEI Friends of True Patriot Love* Tribute Dinner held in 2015. Described by participants as “life changing”, the VTN helps Veterans manage stress and address trauma in small group sessions led by a professional psychologist and Veteran.

The PEI Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) manages a range of Veterans programs funded by TPL, including *Operation: Building Bridges*, that focuses on connecting military, Veterans and community health care providers. The TPL Family and Children Fund was tapped in 2017 to give a number of children from PEI military families an experience they would not have had otherwise. Sophie, the six-year old daughter of Nancy and Trent Fullarton



was a recipient of the fund, which allowed her to attend the Sierra Club *Wild Child Forest School* last August. In describing how important this was to their family, Nancy Fullarton said, “*Sophie explored things she’d never experienced before, loving the outdoors and learning respect for an environment where there’s nowhere to plug in a device.*”

According to Leona Conrick, Executive Director of the PEI MFRC, “*the support provided by sponsors and participants at the 2015 PEI Friends of True Patriot Love Tribute Dinner has been absolutely crucial to our work in dealing with the unique challenges facing Veterans, their families and the entire military community in PEI.*”

As with the inaugural PEI Friends of True Patriot Love Tribute Dinner in 2015, a large number of Veterans and their families will be hosted as guests at the 2017 event. Varying levels of sponsorship opportunities are offered at <http://peitributedinner.ca/sponsors>. Individual tickets and tables of eight, which include two guests from the Veteran community, are now on sale at <http://peitributedinner.ca/tickets>.

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