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It's time to inspire your future workforce, Halton

Come join HIEC and the business community at this year's Fall Breakfast with the Mayors

HALTON, ON –With shifting demographics and an evolving business landscape, Halton and other communities across Ontario are now faced with the daunting task of preparing the next generation of workers. Learn how local businesses and community members can inspire our future workforce by joining the **Halton Industry Education Council (HIEC)** at this year's **Fall Breakfast with the Mayors** on **Wednesday, November 23, 2011**, from 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at RattleSnake Point Golf Club in Milton.

Hosts Mayor Rick Bonnette of Halton Hills and Mayor Gordon Krantz of Milton will help HIEC celebrate 22 years of business, education and community partnerships and the second annual province-wide *Experiential Learning Week*.

Organized by the Provincial Partnership Council (PPC) and Passport to Prosperity, *Experiential Learning Week* pays tribute to local employers who have taken the critical step of opening their doors to students through cooperative education, job shadowing, mentoring and other experiential learning opportunities. The week also works as a way to raise awareness of how these opportunities benefit students and to get other business owners involved in helping to inspire our future workforce.

To add to the theme of "Inspiring Your Future Workforce," and rounding out the program is keynote speaker Neil Hetherington, the CEO of Habitat for Humanity Toronto. Upon graduation from college, Neil volunteered with Habitat for Humanity International, building homes for the homeless all over the world. In 2000, at age 26, and with no experience as a company head, Neil quit his job to become CEO of Habitat for Humanity Toronto. Today, Habitat Toronto has a staff of 29 plus and an army of construction volunteers whose mission is to build 100 homes each year. Join us as Neil shares his career and life passion, and tells us how his spontaneous career change helped change the lives of so many. HIEC would like to thank our keynote sponsor, Teachers Credit Union, for helping us bring Neil to Halton.

To learn more about the Fall Breakfast with the Mayors, to register or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.hiec.on.ca/breakfast or 905-634-2575 ext. 28.

About HIEC

Established November 17, 1989, as a not-for-profit organization, HIEC is a joint venture among industry, education and community partners in the Halton Region. At HIEC, our goal is to enhance career education and create the best opportunities for youth. For over 21 years, HIEC has brought business and education together with the determined vision of 'Inspiring Informed Career Decisions' in Halton.

HIEC has delivered career education programs to more than 100,000 students in Halton and has four websites. To learn more please visit, www.hiec.on.ca, www.schooltocareer.ca, www.apprenticesearch.com and www.EmployerRegistry.ca. HIEC is provincially recognized for its wide-reaching, informative career education programs, innovative career resource centre, and our overall commitment to helping young people make successful transitions from school to career.

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