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MEDIA ADVISORY: Skills for Change invites you to our 25th Pioneers for Change fundraiser gala, featuring award recipients Cameron Bailey and Leen Al Zaibak

Toronto, On, May 25, 2017 – Skills for Change will host our 25th annual Pioneers for Change fundraiser gala on June 14th, 2017 at St. James Cathedral Centre.

Pioneers for Change (PfC) is more than a fundraiser and awards ceremony. PfC represents the vision of a diverse and inclusive Canada. It is about our ongoing commitment to identify the achievements of immigrants, and continue to break down barriers so that newcomers can thrive. This year, we celebrate 25 years of awards, and we also recognize 150 years of Canadian history. Proceeds of this year's fundraiser will go towards Skills for Change's **refugee youth programming**.

On behalf of Skills for Change, we would like to congratulate our 2017 winners: Cameron Bailey, Artistic Director of TIFF (Arts), Leen Al Zaibak, Member of the Board of Directors (Women in Leadership), Shaji Nada, Founder of Ideal Developments (Entrepreneurship), Debbie Douglas, Executive Director of OCASI (Community Engagement), Hon. Alan Diner, Federal Court Judge (Social Impact) and Lily Akagbasu, Student Leader (Youth Leadership).

Skills for Change would like to thank our lead corporate sponsors, the Ontario College of Trades, and Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (CPA Ontario), as well as our table sponsors, supporters and community partners for their support of this event.

Date

Wednesday, June 14th, 2017

Registration: 6:00pm

Event: 6:45pm – 10:00pm

Location

St. James Cathedral Centre

65 Church Street

Toronto, Ontario M5C 2E9

Cost*

Early Bird Rate: \$95.00 (available until Monday, May 29th)

General Rate: \$120.00

*Complimentary media passes available

<https://2017pioneersforchange.eventbrite.ca>

www.pioneersforchange.ca

Hashtag: #pfc252017

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