



Canadian **Hard of Hearing** Association Association des **malentendants** canadiens

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association appoints Christopher T. Sutton as its National Executive Director

February 23, 2018-Ottawa, ON - The Board of Directors of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA) is pleased to announce that it has selected Christopher T. Sutton, MBA, as its next National Executive Director.



Myrtle Barrett, President of the CHHA National Board of Directors says, “the National Board of Directors is ecstatic to have Christopher joining CHHA as it’s next National Executive Director. Christopher comes to CHHA with a wealth of experience working with some of the largest organizations for people with disabilities in the world. Christopher’s career has spanned across the non-profit, private and public sectors in both the United States and Canada, where he has worked in various leadership capacities. Christopher has the passion, vision, experience and knowledge that CHHA requires in its next leader.”

A search committee was established by the Board of Directors in November and led by Carole Willans, Kim Scott and Jane Scott. The committee recommended Christopher’s appointment noting that, “it was extremely pleased to recommend Christopher to this role and that he would be the first National Executive Director to lead CHHA with a profound hearing loss. Christopher is very well respected in both the hearing health sector and disability community and the committee was impressed with Christopher’s leadership and advocacy in the areas of diversity, inclusion and accessibility. Christopher has outstanding educational credentials, which includes holding a Masters in Business Administration from Ivey Business School at the University of Western Ontario. In addition, Christopher has a wealth of experience in business development, fundraising, government and stakeholder relations and governance which will be invaluable to CHHA as it looks to its future.”

Christopher says, “I am both humbled and honoured to be joining the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association as its next National Executive Director, I have personally been connected to CHHA from a young age and have seen first-hand the impact of its work on people living with hearing loss from coast-to-coast. CHHA was there and helped my family when they learned I had hearing loss as a child and it continued to play an important role in my life as an adult. I’ve been so fortunate that over the years I have been able to work with so many amazing people at CHHA from across the country, people who have become my roles

models and have helped me get to where I am today. I am extremely excited about all the work and opportunities we have ahead of us. I look forward to working with the National Board of Directors, staff, partners, chapters and branches, and most importantly our membership from across the country.”

Christopher will be starting in this role effective February 26, 2018. You can send him your wishes by email at csutton@chha.ca.

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About the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association

Established in 1982, the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA) is the nation’s leading consumer advocacy organization representing people with hearing loss throughout Canada. With a network of 23 branches, 6 provincial chapters and a national office, CHHA provides assistance and resources for people with hearing loss and their families to learn how to adjust to living with hearing loss.

Studies show that 1 in every 4 Canadians report having some degree of hearing loss and hearing loss is the third most prevalent chronic health condition in older adults, after arthritis and heart disease. CHHA provides timely and reliable information and resources about hearing loss through its website, “Listen/Écoute” magazine, conferences and other means to empower all Canadians living with hearing loss.

CHHA envisions a society that is respectful and fully accessible to people with hearing loss.

CHHA has a global reputation in developing and delivering a wide range of initiatives that have challenged the status quo when working with people with hearing loss. As a leader in the sector, CHHA is often sought after to provide comments and feedback on various policy initiatives, to help and identify best practices, to develop and test technology, which in return has advanced the quality of life for people living with hearing loss.

For more information about CHHA, visit www.chha.ca

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