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CITY SHINES AT NIAGARA ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Welland, ON – Welland Entrepreneurs were shown some well-earned appreciation Friday, February 26, at the 22nd Annual Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (NEYA). Mark Melloni, owner of Urge to Purge gratefully accepted the **Emerging Entrepreneur Award** that was presented by Innovate Niagara. The growing business is a multi-level service company that focusses on the client's needs as they pertain to de-cluttering their home.

The recipients of the Family Entrepreneur Award was Florence, Tim, and Michael Alfieri, along with Amanda Burke of Alfieri Floor Experts. Dan Degazio, Manager, Economic Development for the City of Welland accepted the award on behalf of the Alfieri family. "I would like to congratulate Mark Melloni and the Alfieri Family as recipients of the 2015 Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards. They are well deserving of these awards and this is a testament of the hard work of Welland's entrepreneurs," said Degazio.

Local youth were also in the spotlight Friday evening as three of the four Gene Luczkiw Spirit of the Enterprise Awards were bestowed upon Welland's youth. The awards were accepted by Justin Dubé of Centennial Secondary School, Alyssa Girotti, and Destiny Lacasse-Marcoux, both from Notre Dame College School.

Since 1994, the NEYA has honoured enterprising people whose businesses have made significant differences in the community. The awards are a symbol of achievement for those innovative entrepreneurs who provide inspiration, exemplify excellence, and unique vision in Niagara. For more information on the NEYA and how to nominate visit niagaraentrepreneur.com.

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