

Homewood honours Dr. Robert Wilson for contributions to workplace health

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VANCOUVER, Oct 7 /CNW/ - Robert F. Wilson, PhD, RPsych, co-founder and former CEO of Human Solutions™, was honoured recently for his long-standing commitment to mental health in the workplace.

At a celebration held on September 29 at the Hollyburn Country Club in West Vancouver, which marked his retirement, Dr. Wilson was presented with the Centre for Organizational Health at Homewood Award.

In presenting the award, Edgardo Pérez, MD, MPH, FRCPC, CHE, CEO and President, Homewood Health Centre and Homewood Corporation, and Director of the Centre for Organizational Health at Homewood, said: "Throughout his 40-year career, Dr. Wilson's leadership has helped both employees and employers improve lives. His focus has always been on providing quality psychological treatment to individual employees. From the early years of employee assistance in Canada, he has guided organizations, helping them build sustainable quality health practices."

The Centre for Organizational Health at Homewood, an affiliate of Homewood Health Centre, is an organization dedicated to the exploration, analysis and communication of information about mental illness and mental disabilities as they relate to the Canadian workplace, economy and society. The Centre for Organizational Health at Homewood Award was created in 2002 to honour individuals or organizations that make significant contributions in extending knowledge of the impact of employee health on the performance of organizations. Previous award recipients include Michael Wilson, Canada's former ambassador to the United States; and The Honourable Michael Kirby, Chair of the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

"We honour those who build awareness of the importance of emotional well-being and mental health, promote employee health and respond to health-related issues, educate business leaders, managers and supervisors about the importance of emotional well-being and mental health, and define management practices that support individual and organizational health and resiliency," said Dr. Pérez. "Dr. Wilson exemplifies all of these qualities and I thank you for your many contributions."

"I recognize this award would never have happened had I not had the good fortune of surrounding myself with highly skilled dedicated staff willing to follow a 'man on a mission,' said Dr. Wilson in accepting the award. "On behalf of the whole Human Solutions™ group, I thank you for recognizing our dedication to providing, to the best of our ability, mental health services to the employees and families of Canadian businesses. The award is particularly meaningful coming from an organization we have all held in the highest esteem."

Dr. Wilson has been honoured by both the Canadian and British Columbia Psychological Associations for his outstanding contributions to the field of Applied Psychology in Canada. He has published several articles in professional journals, contributed chapters to books and co-written a series of five self-help books for the Canadian Mental Health Association. He was a frequent presenter at national and international conferences on topics related to mental health. Under his direction, Human Solutions™ grew from a two-person operation to one of the largest employee health and wellness firms in Canada. The company recently merged with Homewood Corporation.

"Dr. Wilson embodies the idea of true leadership," says Craig Thompson, MEd, MBA, CEO of Homewood Human Solutions. "He has led an exemplary career of making positive, valuable contributions to our industry, and he inspires others to do the same. He has been a driving force within our organization, creating a culture based on respect, commitment, and the desire to make a difference in the lives of our clients. His selfless dedication continues to motivate us as we focus on the future, and we look forward to continuing his meaningful contribution to improved mental health in Canada."

About Homewood Corporation

Homewood Corporation is a health care organization focused on improving life. Through its operating companies, it provides a continuum of care ranging from mental health and addiction treatment to individual and employer programs, as well as quality care and accommodation for seniors. It includes Homewood Human Solutions, an industry leader providing Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs), disability management, and employee health management solutions to employers and employees. To learn more, please visit www.homewood.org.

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