



FRIENDS OF SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER TOLERANCE TRAINING PROGRAM GAINS MOMENTUM THROUGH CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

TORONTO—July 2008—Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies (FSWC) today announced that its Glassman Tools for Tolerance® program is gaining momentum with members of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP). The CACP recognizes the program’s role in helping law enforcement personnel address and respond to the realities of intolerance, racial discrimination and various forms of inequality in diverse communities across Canada. To date, 154 police officers from 42 police boards across Canada (including Calgary, Halifax, North Bay, Ontario Provincial Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Saskatoon, Six Nations, and Vancouver) have participated in the tolerance training program.

“FSWC has made a significant impact, not only on the law enforcement personnel who have attended the Glassman Tools for Tolerance program, but also for members of the community who are in contact with these front line service providers,” said Peter Cuthbert, Executive Director of the CACP. “We will continue to encourage members of the CACP community to participate in these programs.”

“The CACP’s ongoing commitment to encourage its members to participate in Tools for Tolerance provides immediate credibility to the program,” said Avi Benlolo, President and CEO of FSWC. “It reinforces the tremendous value the program delivers in building stronger communities through cultural understanding.”

Glassman Tools for Tolerance offers transformational workplace learning and leadership development. Set in state-of-the-art training facilities – both at the Tom and Anna Koffler Tolerance Training Centre at the Toronto headquarters of FSWC and at the UN recognized, award-winning Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, Calif. – the program bridges personal, local and global issues, challenging participants to redefine their professional roles in today’s increasingly complex and changing world. The programs are experiential and learner-centered, and integrate a combination of innovative learning technologies, guest speakers, workshop formats and advanced curricula to ensure participants achieve personal and professional growth in a results-oriented group process.

A number of workshops offered through the Glassman Tools for Tolerance program are tailored to the specific needs and interests of Canadian law enforcement. These include:

- *Changing Role of Law Enforcement – Cultural Diversity* – participants explore the evolving role of law enforcement in an increasingly democratic and diverse society;
- *Premier Program for Command Staff* – this program for sworn, civilian and reserve personnel at the Inspector or equivalent level explores the changing role of law enforcement and appropriate leadership responses;
- *Law Enforcement Partnerships with Schools: Building Inclusive, Safe Communities* – brings together educators and law enforcement personnel to advance understanding and collaboration to strengthen community relationships in diverse neighbourhoods.

New workshop dates are now published on the FSWC (www.fswc.ca) and CACP web sites.

About Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies is a Canadian human rights organization dedicated to fostering tolerance and understanding through community involvement, educational outreach and social action. It has 25,000 members across Canada, and confronts important contemporary issues including racism, antisemitism, terrorism and genocide. The Center is affiliated with the world-wide, Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, an accredited Non-Government Organization with status at international agencies, including the United Nations, UNESCO, OSCE and the Council of Europe. With over 400,000 members of all faiths around the world, the Simon Wiesenthal Center has offices in New York, Miami, Paris, Jerusalem, Buenos Aires and Toronto. Simon Wiesenthal died in 2005 after devoting his life to preserving the memories of the victims of the Holocaust, while simultaneously seeking justice for the war criminals. Visit: www.fswc.ca.

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