

## Ontario Hostelry Institute

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Mr. Mario Pingue Niagara Food Specialties P.O Box 223 Queenston ON LOS 1L0

Dear Mario:

Thank you so much for your support of this year's 22nd annual Ontario Hostelry Institutes' Gold Awards Dinner. We were pleased that you were able to join us to honour the men and women who have had made a difference in our industry, today and tomorrow. We hope that you enjoyed this exciting evening.

As you know our Gold Awards Dinner has a dual purpose; along with honouring our own exemplar colleagues in the hospitality and foodservice industry, we also raise funds to support the Ontario Hostelry Institute's scholarship program. The cost of a college or university education has reached a level that is higher than ever before. The debt load of a hospitality student, seeking a professional life-long career in our industry is increasing faster than personal credit card debt! This burden is an unfortunate situation that we at the Ontario Hostelry Institute strive to alleviate.

This year's event we were able to award \$23,000 in stholarships to 12 of our 2011 students to help them continue in their studies in the hospitality and foodservice industry.

In these times it is more important than ever to invest in our future human capital – the hospitality and foodservice students. The scholarships encourage and solidify qualified students to graduate and enter our industry as professionals who want an exciting life-long career.

We thank you for joining us in this worthwhile cause and look forward to seeing you once again at next year's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gold Awards Dinner at the NEW Four Seasons Hotel Toronto on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

With win personal regards,

Charles Grieco Chair and President cgrieco@sympatico.ca