

Father's Day on the Hill event returns to Parliament Hill for the first time in two years

HGTV Canada's Bryan Baeumler keynotes fifth annual event on Parliament Hill

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OTTAWA, ON – Father's Day on the Hill, an annual non-partisan event that raises awareness about men's mental health, will celebrate its fifth year on June 15. The event, created by Member of Parliament Matt Jeneroux will feature HGTV Canada celebrity contractor as its keynote speaker for its return to Parliament Hill.

"We're truly excited to have this event return in-person to Parliament Hill," says Member of Parliament, Matt Jeneroux. "For five years we have been able to bring together key stakeholders, Members of Parliament and notable Canadians to help break down the stigma around mental health. These are important conversations to have – now more than ever."

Liberal Member of Parliament Majid Jowhari and NDP Member of Parliament Gord Johns have helped host the event with Jeneroux for the past five years.

HGTV Canada's Bryan Beaumler who is the special guest speaker at this anniversary event, hopes to help to break down the stigma around while sharing his own personal experiences with mental health.

"Men have always felt pressure to stay 'manly' and not be emotional. It's important to reduce the stigma around mental health for men and to have real conversations with each other," says Baeumler. "I'm pleased to be able to join this special anniversary event and share my own personal experiences for the first time. I want people to know that they aren't alone."

The non-partisan event is sponsored by the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

Media are invited to attend the event at Speaker's Dining Room at Room 233-S, West Block at 12:15pm.

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Background Information

Father's Day on the Hill

Father's Day on the Hill is an annual event that brings together Members of Parliament from all parties, key mental health stakeholders and policy makers to discuss mental health with a focus on men and fathers.

The initiative was founded in 2018 as a non-partisan initiative led by Matt Jeneroux with help from Members of Parliament Majid Jowhari and Gord Johns and in partnership with Movember and the Mental Health Commission of Canada. In past years, our event has featured prominent Canadian men including Peter Mansbridge, Bryan Baeumler, Georges Laraque among others. www.fathersdayonthehill.ca