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BURLINGTON, ONTARIO, TRUCK DEALER NOMINATED FOR TOP INDUSTRY HONOR

McLEAN, Va. (March 6, 2009) — Ms. Kelly Sheehan, president of Sheehan's Truck Centre in Burlington, Ontario, has been nominated for the American Truck Dealers/*Heavy Duty Trucking* Truck Dealer of the Year Award. The winner will be announced at the opening general session of the 46th Annual ATD Convention and Exposition in Washington, D.C., on April 18, 2009.

Building the Business

Sheehan began her career working at the family dealership while a college student. Upon graduation in 1992 she worked full-time at the dealership as an accounts receivable clerk. In 1995, she became the assistant controller. That year she attended the ATD Dealer Candidate Academy and began to work actively with all department managers. In 1998, she was promoted to vice president/general manager of the company. On Jan. 1, 2000, she became president and dealer principal. Today, she and her brother own the dealership.

Sheehan attributes much of the company's success to its employees and its many long standing customer relationships that have been developed over the years. Sheehan's Truck Centre "employees are a very dedicated group," she said. About 25 percent of the employees have more than 10 years of tenure and another 30 percent have more than five years. "It's truly a family business with fathers and sons, brothers, sisters and spouses all working under one roof," she said.

Honors, Awards and Service to the Industry

The awards earned by Sheehan's Truck Centre include 2002 Dealer of the Year for Canada from Volvo Trucks Canada, along with excellence awards from Volvo Trucks North America in 2004 and 2005. Sheehan's Truck Centre is a Premier Partner award winner with Volvo Financial Services for 2003-2007. Ms. Sheehan served on the Volvo Dealer Council for five years and has chaired several council committees.

Community Service

Sheehan and her husband, Craig Paszt, along with their two children live in Burlington, Ontario. She has been a sponsor of the Burlington Sound of Music Festival since 2000.

Every Christmas, Sheehan's Truck Centre sponsors needy families in their community. They provide food, clothing, household items and toys. In all, they have sponsored more than 50 families.

The Award

The American Truck Dealers/*Heavy Duty Trucking* Truck Dealer of the Year Award is evaluated based on several categories, including dealership performance, civic contributions and industry leadership.

About ATD

Founded in 1970, the American Truck Dealers division of the National Automobile Dealers Association is the only national organization representing dealers selling new medium- and heavy-duty trucks.