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The Top Shop celebrates 25 years in business with a rock solid party!

London, On – David Dean has come a long way from being a one-man kitchen installer to leading a company that supplies countertops to big box stores, independent contractors and individuals across Southern Ontario. Over the past 25 years, as president, David has grown The Top Shop Inc. into a company that employs 50, is situated on nearly 2 acres with its own granite warehouse, and impressive new showroom. The Company is also a cornerstone of community caring, helping the most vulnerable at the Children's Health Foundation (formerly the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario). So, on April 9th, David will host a rock solid party for everyone who has helped The Top Shop get to where it has today – that is – a company with a solid foundation.

"When we arrived at our 25th year, it just sort of hit me – it was a big 'wow', where did the time go?" says David. "So, we decided that we should invite our friends, suppliers, and staff and have some fun, and I think we will!" he adds.

An impressive list of more than 300 invited guests from across Ontario, Quebec, and the United States will gather at the Lamplighter Inn, Crystal Ballroom on Friday April 9th at 6pm for the party. Guests include granite and quartz producers who have worked with The Top Shop for years. "We develop long-term relationships and there are great partnerships between us and many of our suppliers – like a family," says David. He is pleased and honoured that so many of them are joining in on the 25th anniversary celebration which will include a video presentation, food and drink stations, entertainment, and dancing.

David and The Top Shop are also marking their 25th anniversary by making a special commitment to the Children's Health Foundation. An announcement will be made at the party to kick off a special year of fund raising for the CHF.

The Top Shop has set new industry standards with their development of PRO Team Installers, a designation that indicates a superior level of precision and skill. As well, The Top Shop made a trend-setting decision early on that they would use 1 1/4 inch (3cm) countertop material instead of the more common 3/4 inch (2cm) material. "I wanted to be different from everybody else. I wanted us to have an edge in quality and as a result our countertops are more solid, have no seams on the front edge profile yet are still very competitive," says David. The Top Shop was among the first in Canada to use the Stealth Computerized Measuring System which creates a perfect fit without mess inside customer's home.

Granite, quartz, laminate, and solid surface are available from big box stores and hundreds of kitchen and bath dealers throughout Southern Ontario; however, only granite and quartz can be obtained directly from the factory. For the full Top Shop experience, the general public can view real-life examples at the newly renovated 1350 square foot showroom at 502 First Street, London (www.the-topshop.com). "We strive to provide clients with the perfect environment to choose their own slabs of granite from our Quarry, customize the edges, and other details from a large selection of colours and designs," says David.

Two of David's children, Michael and Sharon, along with wife Magdalena are all part of The Top Shop team. "Michael, Sharon, and Maggie provide a very strong and necessary operational backbone for The Top Shop," says David. Dean's Kitchen Centre Ltd. opened on April 6, 1985 and morphed into The Top Shop in 1987. The stone division was added eight years ago after the Deans did extensive market and product research in Italy and Canada.

The Top Shop Inc. takes personal pride in its employees, its products, and its company for achieving this 25th anniversary milestone.

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