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## **North American Retail Association Names Home Hardware Dealer 2018 Young Retailer of the Year**

**Barrington Passage, NS, May 10, 2018** – Mike Wilson, Dealer-Owner of Wilson's Home Hardware Building Centre in Barrington Passage, Nova Scotia has been awarded the 2018 Young Retailer of the Year Award by the North American Retail Hardware Association (NRHA).

This national recognition program, now in its 22nd year, identifies and promotes the next generation of aspiring independent home improvement retailers and recognizes individual achievement in the industry by retailers 35 years of age or younger throughout the U.S., its territories and Canada. Selected from different retail categories, honorees are chosen based on wide-ranging criteria such as career accomplishments, community involvement, ongoing education within the hardware industry and extracurricular activities.

Wilson was one of the hardware industry's eight award recipients and won under the category for annual sales over \$2 million. Honorees are recognized in three categories including stores with annual sales under \$2 million, stores with annual sales over \$2 million and retailers operating multiple stores.

"I am extremely proud to represent young retailers as well as Home Hardware on an international stage," said Mike Wilson, Dealer-Owner, Wilson's Home Hardware Building Centre. "I believe you make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give. I am profoundly grateful to have the opportunity to give back to our local community with service and quality advice through our business and family."

The Young Retailer of the Year awards celebration was held at the Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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### **About the North American Retail Hardware Association**

Founded in 1900 by a group of retailers, the North American Retail Hardware

Association is a not-for-profit trade association whose mission is to help independent hardware stores, home centers and lumberyards, regardless of wholesaler affiliation, become better and more profitable retailers. Governed by a board of independent hardware retailers, NRHA fulfills its mission by providing information, communication, training programs and networking opportunities for the industry it serves. Each month NRHA publishes Hardware Retailing magazine, which reaches over 34,000 stores in the U.S. and Canada. NRHA also provides a wealth of online training and educational resources to thousands of retailers on [www.nrha.org](http://www.nrha.org).

### **About Home Hardware Stores Limited**

Home Hardware Stores Limited is Canada's largest Dealer-owned hardware, lumber, building materials, and furniture home improvement retailer with close to 1,100 stores under the Home Hardware, Home Building Centre, Home Hardware Building Centre and Home Furniture banners with annual retail sales of over \$6 billion. Founded in 1964 in rural St. Jacobs, Ontario, Home Hardware remains 100% Canadian owned and operated. Through the Home Hardware network, Dealer-Owners have access to 100,000 quality, brand name and private label products, a state-of-the-art distribution system and extensive marketing and training programs. Offering a mix of tradition and innovation, Home Hardware Stores Limited has received designation as one of Canada's Best Brands and Best Managed Companies and is committed to helping Canadians with all of their project needs. More information about the company is available at [homehardware.ca](http://homehardware.ca).

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