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## **Open Door Group Enters Leaders of Tomorrow Mentorship Program**

Vancouver, B.C. – Open Door Group is the only non-profit organization asked to participate in this year's Vancouver Board of Trade's Leaders of Tomorrow Mentorship Program (LOT). LOT selects the top 75 students in their final year of post-secondary education and works with them in a mentorship program, supporting each student in their focus on becoming one of Vancouver's future business leaders. This year, Open Door Group will mentor one student, helping this student to achieve her true potential.

Allison Louie, a UBC student studying commerce and psychology, will work alongside David Wallensky, Director of Corporate Development and Employer Relations. Through this mentorship, Alison will learn about Open Door Group, what it means to work with people with disabilities and will participate in matching participant skills with employers. This mentorship opportunity will run from October 2009 to September 2010 and promises to provide Alison with a great deal of hands-on experience.

"We are honoured that the Vancouver Board of Trade has chosen us to represent non-profit organizations to help mentor the leaders of tomorrow," said Wallensky. "Alison will see firsthand how we work to match our participants with employers, so they may achieve personal growth and economic success. It is an incredibly rewarding role and one that I think will provide her with skills and business expertise that she can take into her professional future."

Open Door Group, formerly known as THEO BC, is a non-profit organization that offers a wide range of employment and leisure services to British Columbians. The majority of Open Door Group programs serve persons with disabilities and those who are economically disadvantaged. Open Door Group works with more than 3,000 participants a year and hundreds of employers. Funded by the Ministry of Housing and Social Development, Interior Health Authority, and Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, Open Door Group has offices throughout British Columbia.

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