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**GEORGIAN ANGEL NETWORK ANNOUNCES NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR
Michael Badham, CPA, CA, CBV appointed to succeed Sandy Robertson**

Barrie, January 21, 2017 - Georgian Angel Network (GAN) is pleased to announce that Michael Badham has been appointed the Managing Director of GAN, succeeding Sandy Robertson. Badham will join GAN on February 1, 2017 and will work closely with Robertson until March 31, 2017. At that time, Sandy will retire from GAN to pursue supporting the growth of a GAN investee company, Earth to Kids, Inc. and its lead product Chickapea Pasta and Badham will assume full responsibility for managing the organization.

Badham has significant experience as a Chartered Professional Accountant, and a Chartered Business Valuator, providing clients with strategic financial advice, M&A transactions, financings, and corporate growth. His expertise in the areas of strategy, operations management, relationship building and governance in addition to his education and training provides a unique skill set to develop and deliver on the mission, vision and goals of GAN.

“Michael’s experience and hands-on approach will help grow GAN to its full potential as a leading angel network in Ontario,” says Sandy Robertson. “I am pleased to support this transition and look forward to my ongoing role at Earth to Kids knowing that GAN will be in capable hands.”

The Board of Directors of GAN would like to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to Robertson who not only founded GAN but grew the organization into a significant angel investor network in Ontario.

“Because of Sandy’s perseverance and strong relationships, GAN is uniquely positioned to support entrepreneurs in Ontario,” says Rick Kostoff, Vice Chair of GAN’s Board of Directors. “Sandy has truly made a difference and has been instrumental in growing companies in Ontario through this network.”

“I am looking forward to carrying on Sandy’s good work with the members of GAN, angel networks across Ontario and the Simcoe County / Georgian Bay entrepreneurship community, and beyond” says Badham.

ABOUT GEORGIAN ANGEL NETWORK

The Georgian Angel Network (GAN) is a not for profit organization that connects angel investors in the Barrie, South Georgian Bay, Orangeville, and Muskoka regions with entrepreneurs needing equity capital to commercialize their innovations. GAN serves as a catalyst for economic development, facilitating deal flow between accredited investors and high-quality investee opportunities as well as providing investor and investee education services. Since December 2011 members of GAN have invested over \$8.6 million in 24 portfolio companies, through initial-round financings as well as follow-on financings.

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High resolution photos are available upon request.