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**FIRST HOSPITALITY GROUP INC.'S  
RESIDENCE INN GRAND RAPIDS WEST HOTEL  
RECEIVES RESIDENCE INN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOTEL OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Rosemont, Ill.** - May 11, 2017 – Rosemont, Illinois-based First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG), a leading hotel management, acquisition and development company, announced today that its Residence Inn Grand Rapids West hotel has been awarded the Residence Inn Community Service Hotel of the Year award. FHG President & CEO Bob Habeeb made the announcement.

“Our Residence Inn Grand Rapids West hotel and its employees represent the true meaning of giving back with consistent community donations and support,” said Habeeb. “I am very proud of this team for all of their incredible achievements and contributions that have made a positive impact on the Grand Rapids community.”

In 2016, the Residence Inn Grand Rapids West hotel made a significant number of contributions to benefit children, health and research, soldiers and their community through partnering with programs and organizations. The team at the Residence Inn Grand Rapids had a partnership with the local Grand Rapids Foundation Kids Food basket, participated in the Transition program in partnership with Grandville schools, worked with the Hope Network for job placement, held fundraisers for Breast Cancer Awareness benefitting the local American Cancer Society Hope Lodge Peter M. Wege Guest House Grand Rapids, participated in the Light the Night event hosted by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Michigan and has also wrote nearly 300 cards to active duty service members and their families and contributed to Soldiers’ Angels. In addition to this award, General Manager Andrew White received FHG’s Civic Leadership at their Annual Conference due to community contributions in 2015 and 2016.

The Residence Inn Community Service Hotel of the Year award honors hotels that provide meaningful contribution to a charitable organization, use their available resources effectively, demonstrate teamwork and reinforce the hotel’s positive reputation within the local community.

The winner of the the award, 1 out of 685 hotels, is determined by a selection committee consisting of discipline experts, brand vice presidents, brand representatives, franchise vice presidents, and others. After reviewing the candidates, the committee discusses the top candidates and selects the winners based on a majority vote.

First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) was recognized as #1 in Travel in Forbes America’s Best Midsize Employers 2016. FHG received a #28 ranking out of the 250 best midsize employers in the country and #3 amongst all of America’s best travel companies. For more information about FHG, visit [www.fhginc.com](http://www.fhginc.com) or follow them on Facebook at @FHGinc and Twitter at @FHGroup\_Inc.

***First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) is a leading hotel management, acquisition and development company with more than 30 years of award-winning experience. FHG's unique people-driven professional culture fosters a team of highly skilled and motivated hospitality experts who consistently deliver outstanding property level performance, as well as memorable and engaging guest experiences. Headquartered in Chicago, FHG's portfolio features 19 brands and 46 properties throughout the Midwest. Recognized as #1 in Travel in Forbes America's Best Midsize Employers 2016, FHG received a #28 ranking out of the 250 best midsize employers in the country and #3 amongst all of America's best travel companies. For For more information, visit, [www.fhginc.com](http://www.fhginc.com).***

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