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**EY announces Shatterproof CEO Gary Mendell
Named an EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2016
semifinalist in New York**

NEW YORK – EY has announced that Shatterproof founder and CEO Gary Mendell is a semifinalist for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2016 Award in the New York Region. The awards program, which is celebrating its 30th year, recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

“I’ve spent my life as an entrepreneur, so it’s an honor to be recognized by EY,” Mendell said. “I have tried to bring an entrepreneurial spirit to Shatterproof, which is dedicated to ending addiction – a disease that has destroyed too many lives across the county.”

Gary launched Shatterproof after the death of his son Brian, who lost his battle with addiction in 2011. Shatterproof is a national organization committed to fighting addiction and ending the stigma associated with this disease.

Gary is the founder, co-owner, and former CEO of HEI Hotels & Resorts. HEI owns more than 60 hotels, with 9,000 employees and more than \$900 million in annual revenue. He’s also a former president of Starwood Hotels, where he spearheaded the company’s purchase of the Sheraton and Westin brands.

Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on Wednesday, June 22 at the New York Marriott Marquis. Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year National program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 19, 2016. The awards are the culminating event of the EY Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation’s most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.



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