

RVCA News Release

ANOTHER TREE PLANTING GIFT FROM THE MCGARRY FAMILY

MANOTICK, APRIL 19, 2006 — The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation is pleased to announce another generous donation from the McGarry Family of Hulse, Playfair and McGarry Funeral Homes & Cremation Services. For the fifth consecutive year, their gift will assist with the planting of vigorous, young, Canadian trees in memory of each and every person whose funeral is in the McGarry family's care in 2006. More than 1,500 trees will be planted this year thanks to the McGarry family's generosity.

The seedlings are planted throughout the Rideau Valley watershed from the City of Ottawa south and west to Smiths Falls, Perth, Westport and into the beautiful townships of Tay Valley, Central and South Frontenac. All the trees are planted as part of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority's "Trees for Tomorrow" program.

The tree seedlings planted as living memorials are native Canadian species such as eastern white pine (Ontario's provincial tree), white spruce, white cedar and red oak. These hardy local trees produce benefits far beyond the memorial they represent: they provide health benefits for all life, produce oxygen for us to breathe, provide wildlife habitat, combat global climate change, promote soil conservation, improve water quality, increase property values and provide wood products, to name only a few. These trees become a beautiful, long-lasting and community-minded way of honouring the memory of departed family members and friends.

A recent thank you note received by the McGarry Family from a grieving family sums up the feelings of many: "The planting of a tree in memory of my beloved husband is very much appreciated by the family and I". Comfort for the family and long term environmental benefits for everyone in the community all in the planting of one small tree. In the past five years, over 7,500 McGarry trees have been planted all over the Rideau valley.

Hulse, Playfair & McGarry's President, Sharon McGarry, was recently presented with a "thank you paddle" from Charles Billington, Executive Director of the Conservation Foundation, as a token of the Foundation's gratitude for her company's loyal and generous support of conservation programs in the valley.

Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, one of the largest private funeral/cremation firms in Canada, has been a leader in offering funeral and cremation choices since 1925. Partnering with the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation in a memorial tree planting program is yet another example of their ongoing commitment to our community.

Through the generous support of community-minded companies such as Hulse, Playfair and McGarry, the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation will continue to plant thousands of trees each year in the Rideau watershed.

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