

# News Release

## MCGARRY FAMILY REACHES TREE PLANTING MILESTONE

**\*12,000 TREES PLANTED\***

RIDEAU VALLEY, September 9, 2008 — On Wednesday, October 1, 2008, 9:30 a.m., to commemorate the milestone of planting 12,000 “Trees for Tomorrow”, the McGarry Family in cooperation with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority will plant a special Sugar Maple Tree at their West Chapel, 150 Woodroffe Avenue (at Richmond Road), Ottawa. This tree will be dedicated in memory of Isobel and Keith Playfair who purchased this site for the McGarry’s West Chapel in 1958. Their West Chapel has significant local heritage as it was the former St. Martin’s Anglican Church.

The McGarry Family of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry Funeral & Cremation Services plants a tree on behalf of each and every person whose funeral is in their care. Seedlings are planted and cared for by the specialists at the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. The young native Canadian trees, grown in this region, are planted in April and May each year in many different locations around the Rideau Valley from Ottawa south to Smiths Falls, Perth, Westport, and west into the beautiful townships of Tay Valley, Central and South Frontenac. Among the types of trees planted are eastern white pine (Ontario’s provincial tree), eastern white cedar, white spruce and red oak. These trees are a beautiful, long-lasting and comforting way of honouring the memory of departed family members or friends.

The trees, a comforting gesture for grieving families, can also be considered as a gift for the entire community. Not only are they beautiful, these trees produce oxygen for us to breathe, clean the water we eventually drink, combat global warming by absorbing carbon dioxide, create wildlife habitat, cool our houses in the summer and help warm them in winter; they will continue to do so until maturity, 60 to 80 years from now.

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is very pleased to be associated with the McGarry Family in their Memorial Tree Planting program, another example of the McGarry’s ongoing commitment to our community.

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