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HEROES REMEMBERED FOR ALL TIME WALL OF PRIDE UNVEILED AT KIPNES CENTRE FOR VETERANS

Edmonton –The CapitalCare Foundation unveiled its Wall of Pride, Tuesday September 18, 2007 at the Dianne and Irving Kipnes Centre for Veterans.

The Wall of Pride is a free-standing wall of individual glass bricks and is located in the Memorial Garden outside the centre. Each block is etched with an inscription dedicated to honour and memory of a person of distinction. Many of the blocks commemorate people who contributed to the pursuit of freedom, from WWI and WWII to the Korean War and the current mission in Afghanistan.

Blocks were purchased as part of a fundraising program benefiting CapitalCare's newest continuing care centre, the Kipnes Centre for Veterans, located on the former Griesbach military base. The centre opened on November 9, 2005.

"We were greatly moved by the heartfelt stories behind these bricks," said Betty Kolewaski, Administrator of the Kipnes Centre for Veterans. "The Wall of Pride is a wall of memories, respect and great emotion."

Over 100 contributors were in attendance as the Wall of Pride was unveiled by John Jackson, a Kipnes Centre resident and former PPCLI office; Francis Sutherland, a Kipnes Centre resident and former Nursing Sister WWII; Rob Jones, CD, PPCLI, a current serving member from the Edmonton Garrison; and Joyce Bruce, a long-time Kipnes Centre volunteer and member of the RCL #175 Kingsway.

Joyce Bruce purchased a block with the inscription "Brothers in Arms," in honour of her long-time companion Stan Myers and his three brothers who all fought in WWII.

"We created the Etch a Memory program to create a visible reminder of those men and women who have made a difference in the lives of others," said Tim Haak, Director of Fund Development for the CapitalCare Foundation.

"We are honoured to have the Wall of Pride at this centre and proud to serve those who served for our country," said Iris Neumann, CEO of CapitalCare.

Over 100 blocks have been purchased to date. Two sizes of glass blocks are available for purchase: a 4 x 8 block (\$300) and an 8 x 8 block (\$600). Inscriptions can be for any of the following: commemoration of a veteran's service; thank you to veterans, peacekeepers, supporters of veterans; commemoration of a person of distinction; donor recognition. For more information on purchasing a block, contact the CapitalCare Foundation at 448-2413.

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