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## **NEW MEMORY GARDEN OPENS AT GRACE HOSPICE**

WINNIPEG, MB, September 25, 2006 – The Grace Hospital Foundation will be hosting a special ceremony to dedicate the newly built “Winnipeg West Rotary Club Memory Garden” on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the garden (located behind Grace Hospice, 260 Booth Drive).

The Memory Garden was created as an enhancement to the Grace Hospice, the state-of-the-art, 12-bed palliative care facility completed on the grounds of Grace Hospital in 2004. The garden will act as a tranquil setting for residents of Grace Hospice and their families to enjoy the beauty of nature. It will be a place of peace and reflection. In addition, it will be a place for loved ones to memorialize their family members.

Designed by Shelmerdine Ltd., the garden features wheel-chair accessible, paved walkways, benches and beautiful flora, including rose shrubs, lilac bushes and Fall Gold Ash Trees.

The project was completed with help from the community. Barkman Concrete, Gillis Quarries Ltd, Maple Leaf Construction, Robinson Lighting Ltd, Playgrounds R Us and Shelmerdine Ltd all made major contributions to the garden. The Winnipeg West Rotary Club, for which the garden is named, made a major donation of \$25,000 to support the construction process.

The dedication ceremony will feature a ribbon cutting and refreshments. All are welcome to this community event.

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