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National memorial for fatally and seriously injured young workers to be dedicated

Thursday, May 1, 2003, 7:00 pm
Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Tudor Room
100 Front Street West, Toronto

(TORONTO) — Parents of deceased young workers, labour leaders, employers, government officials and health and safety activists will all gather this Thursday evening to participate in a formal dedication ceremony of a unique new national memorial to young workers fatally and seriously injured on the job.

Known as the LifeQuilt, the memorial commemorates the lives of 100 young workers between the ages of 15 and 24, lost to families and communities from every province and territory in Canada. An impressive, 9' by 18' quilt mural, it is also designed to help communicate the tremendous need to prevent similar pain.

In the last two years in Canada 120,000 young workers have been injured seriously enough to require time off work and over 100 young people have been killed as a result of hazardous working conditions.

Hosting this event is the Workers Health and Safety Centre (WHSC), one of 14 health and safety organizations funded by Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, and the only one of these organizations representing labour's voice for the development and delivery of occupational health and safety training and information.

The LifeQuilt was made possible by generous financial donations and in-kind services from several individuals and organizations, including the Workers Centre and many in the Canadian labour movement.

Speakers at the dedication will include:

- Ken Georgetti, President, Canadian Labour Congress;
- Wayne Samuelson, President, Ontario Federation of Labour;
- Rob Ellis, father of 18-year-old, David, killed in an industrial incident in 1999;
- Dave Killham, Executive Director, Workers Health and Safety Centre;
- Maureen Shaw, President and CEO, Industrial Accident Prevention Association;
- Clarence MacPherson, Friends of the Life Quilt Committee; and
- Laurie Swim, renowned Toronto visual artist, and creator of the LifeQuilt.

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