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**ROSIE SMITH TRIBUTE**

**Welland, ON** – Local dignitaries will gather with the public at St. George Park on Sunday, June 28, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to pay tribute to the late Rosie Smith. Mayor Frank Campion, M.P. Malcolm Allan, M.P.P. Cindy Forster, and other dignitaries look forward to honouring Rosie Smith and commemorating the importance of her community service.

Rosie Smith passed away in 2014, but not before leaving a lasting contribution in the City of Welland. She began coaching children at what was formerly known as the St. George Swimming Pool, presently named The Rosie Smith Swimming Pool, which is located at St. George Park. Rosie Smith's contribution expanded when she became involved with the Welland Recreation Projects Association that was formed to organize and deliver community-wide special events in Welland. The events were planned to engage children and their families regardless of their financial resources.

Greg Smith, son of Rosie Smith, is delighted that so many people feel the need to pay tribute to his mother and recognize the significance of volunteering in the community. "I hope that my mother's tribute will raise awareness and inspire members of the community to volunteer, because everyone has something to offer and can make a difference," said Smith. The public is welcomed to attend the event.

City of Welland has roughly 177 enthusiastic volunteers. Because of the generosity of these people, the City of Welland is able to deliver quality drop-in programs, host family events, and establish Welland as a place where people are wanting to live, work, and volunteer.

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