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Gift of Garden to University of Winnipeg Helps Revitalize Inner City

WINNIPEG--Each year as the seasons pass a garden changes. In one season it grows and blooms; in another it rests and waits under its blanket of snow. Though it is always changing, throughout the year it beautifies a neighbourhood, provides sanctuary for people and wildlife, and signals a commitment to actively caring for our community.

UWinnipeg professor Carol Harvey understood these things when she commissioned a garden to be planted and landscaped between UWinnipeg's student residences on Balmoral Avenue. The garden, donated by Harvey in memory of her late husband Al, stands as a reminder of his fundamental belief in the vitality of Winnipeg's urban community. Al, who lived and worked in Winnipeg's inner city for more than 30 years, was deeply interested in the revitalization of the streets and neighbourhoods of our city's core. Along with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Al believed in the renewal of our housing stock and the ongoing maintenance of existing housing. A gardener himself, he also knew how even the simple act of planting a tree could change the face of a neighbourhood and make a difference.

For the students of UWinnipeg's residences, the neighbours on Balmoral Avenue, and all those concerned about the quality of life in the inner city, a garden at 284 Balmoral Avenue has been planted in the name of Al Harvey.

Please join the Harvey family, University of Winnipeg President Constance Rooke, and the UWinnipeg community on Friday, June 7 at 2 p.m. at 284 Balmoral Avenue for the dedication of the Harvey Garden. Light refreshments will be served.

For further information or to arrange an interview, please contact Katherine Unruh at 204.786.9872.

