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London Fanshawe Horticultural Society Awarded a "Happy Birthday Canada" 150th Celebration Garden

London, Ontario 22 October, 2016. *London Fanshawe Horticultural Society* is the lucky recipient of one of 150, '150th Celebration Gardens' being distributed across Canada – by the Canadian Garden Council in collaboration with Vesey's Bulbs of PEI – in celebration of Canada's sesquicentennial in 2017. Containing 1000 tulip bulbs, the international symbol of friendship and an enduring symbol of our national ethos of kindness and hospitality, the 150th Celebration Garden is a terrific way to say "Happy Birthday" to Our Home and Native Land.

Public planting ceremony to take place at the Salvation Army London Village,

"We feel very fortunate," said John McLeod, President London Fanshawe Horticultural Society "to have received one of these Gardens as we understand that the Canadian Garden Council, the organization behind the 150th Celebration Garden program, received more than 400 applications." The garden, consisting of 500 red and 500 white tulip bulbs, generously donated by Vesey's Bulbs of PEI, will be planted on 25 October 2016 at 10:00 am at the Salvation Army London Village, 1340 Dundas Street East, London, Ontario.

Everyone, from seniors to school children and the public, is invited to attend the planting ceremony as our community makes preparations to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday next year.

Symbolic link to a Flagship Celebration Garden in Niagara Falls

Our garden, and the other 149 gardens planted across the country, will be symbolically linked to a Flagship 150th Celebration Garden Promenade, consisting of 25,000 tulips also donated by Vesey's, to be planted this fall and bloom next spring adjacent to Niagara Falls, one of the great natural wonders of the world, and one of Canada's largest gateways for visitors to our country.

Our garden will also be featured on Canada's Garden Route, www.canadagardenroute.ca

It takes a village

The Salvation Army London Village would like to thank London Fanshawe Horticultural Society for submitting the winning '150th Celebration Garden' application as well as all those that made this heartwarming program possible: Canadian Garden Council, Vesey's Bulbs, Canada Post, Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, Niagara Parks Commission, *GardenMaking* magazine, Landscape Ontario, Ontario Garden Council, Baxter Travel Media, Enterprise Canada, Gardens BC, Québec Gardens' Association and VIA Rail Canada.

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