

## The Largest Living Legacy: Trees for Life and the Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign

This November is extremely important to us as we plant the last tree on the Highway of Heroes and introduce our "Next Chapter", Trees For Life, Trees For Heroes.



I am reminded of the line in John McCrae's famous poem, In Flanders Fields, "To you, from falling hands, we throw the torch" and I wonder, "what IS that torch?"

For me it is the effort that we make to remember Canadians who fell during war and those who served. I translate that into planting a living tribute to them all, Trees For Heroes.

Our campaign to reforest the Highway of Heroes is complete and we are thrilled. Without your support, this just would not have happened. Over the last 7 years, we have planted 2.5 million trees on and near the Highway of Heroes on the 401. A tree for every Canadian lost at war and a tree for each who volunteered for military service. [Read more](#)

### Latest Updates



#### The Legacy of the Highway of Heroes by Cindy McErea, a friend and supporter

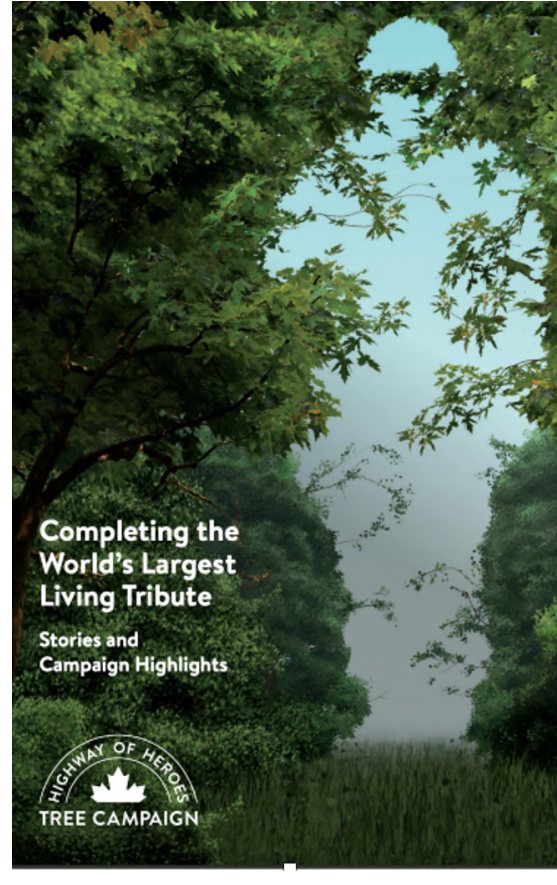
I have always been passionate about the magnificence and beauty of nature. I love trees. I also have a strong military background.

Our property borders the 401, a stretch which is known as the Highway of Heroes. I have stood at the edge as the motorcades went by with tears in my eyes and a deep ache in my heart – wishing I could do more... [Read more](#)

#### Highway of Heroes Stories and Campaign Highlights

Download your digital copy of the booklet commemorating the completion of the world's largest living tribute.

Join us for the journey and download your [e-booklet!](#)



#### Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign Completion

We are so grateful to everyone who supported the Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign. To have exceeded our goal and planted 2.5 million trees is an amazing tribute to our heroes.

On November 2, 2022 we planted the last tree of this campaign alongside the Right Honourable David Johnston and other dignitaries. To all the families and our thank you.

To see photos from the event, click [here](#)

#### Crossing the Line!

In case you missed it, the Trees for Life Acorns successfully completed the TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon 5K on October 16th. Your generosity helped to raise over \$4,000 in support of tree planting in the Toronto area including the Link Trail and Tommy Thompson Park, and the Outer Harbour Marina



These plantings will help combat the impacts of climate change on this section of Lake Ontario shoreline and also help the Canada Running Series, the race organizers, to offset some of the carbon emissions the race produces. Thank you to everyone who donated and who cheered us on. We are so grateful for our partnership and your support. We couldn't have crossed the finish line without your contributions!

#TeamAcorns



#### Tree Spotlight: Get To Know Your Native Trees: The Maple

The national tree of Canada and the centre of our flag is the majestic maple. According to the fossil record maple species existed as far back as 100 million years ago. [Read more](#)



#### Stories of Honour: Private Clyde Gladwin Kent

Originally from Lacombe, Alberta, Private Clyde Gladwin Kent was the uncle of then Canadian M.P., the Honourable Peter Kent. Clyde died on the last day of the Passchendaele battle, November 10th, 1917, just one year and a day before the armistice.

He now lies at The Menin Gate Memorial which is situated at the eastern side of the town of Ypres (now Leper) in the Province of West Flanders, on the road to Menin and Courtrai. It bears the names of 55,000 men who were lost without a trace during the defense of the Ypres Salient in the First World War.



#### Scroll of Honour

Donations since the last newsletter have been made in honour of the following individuals & organizations.

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