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### **Winnifred Stewart Association Memorial Garden Blossoms with Community's Support**

Edmonton, AB—When the minds and bodies of Winnifred Stewart Association's residents need rejuvenating, they can simply enter the new *Garden of Reflection*, located right outside their door. Winnifred Stewart Association (WSA) held a special groundbreaking ceremony today to unveil the new name and proposed architectural designs for a special memorial project that has been appropriately dubbed the *Garden of Reflection*.

The groundbreaking was an opportunity for WSA to reveal the new design, thank all donors for their contributions to date, and rally the community for further corporate donations, volunteer hours, and support. In attendance were Winnifred Stewart Association's CEO Larry Smook and Project Developer Nichole Jordan. There was a special appearance by Wally Steinbring, a friend of WSA, and a current individual using WSA's programs and services.

Inspired by Wally Steinbring, a guardian of an individual who once received services from WSA but has since passed away, the garden is funded entirely by donations, including money raised by a world record indoor bungee jump last November. The *Garden of Reflection* will pay tribute to those who have been with WSA over the years and who have now passed on.

"This memorial garden will play an important role in celebrating the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities," declares Larry Smook, WSA's CEO. "We want it to be a quiet, peaceful place for families and individuals to relax, remember, and reflect." For more information on WSA or its programs, visit [www.winnifredstewart.com](http://www.winnifredstewart.com).

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#### **WINNIFRED STEWART ASSOCIATION BACKGROUND:**

The Winnifred Stewart Association (WSA) has been enhancing the quality of lives for people with developmental disabilities since 1953. Today, the WSA is an innovator in working with aging adults with developmental disabilities. Over the course of their adult life, clients and their families benefit from WSA's customized programs designed to meet the diverse and changing needs of people with developmental disabilities. The Winnifred Stewart Association's core programs include residential services, recreational and leisure programs, and work opportunities.