



Unveiling of *The Garden that Love Built*

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, January 17, 2005

Murals adorning the stairwells of Saskatchewan's Ronald McDonald House will be officially unveiled on **Tuesday, January 18 at 1:30 p.m. at 1011 University Drive.**

Students from Georges Vanier Catholic School painted a variety of vibrant floral murals on the stairwell that extends for four floors in order to help brighten up the house that provides a home away from home for many sick children and their families.

http://www.moniqueart.com/finished_murals.html

During October, November and early December, Monique Martin, the school's art instructor, with the assistance of three other teachers, coordinated the Grade 7 and 8 student project that also involved community service work such as yard and house work. These projects were made possible through a \$2,300 grant from Cameco and The Saskatoon Foundation, and with the support of the Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation.

Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for families of sick children who travel to Saskatoon to obtain medical care. It is owned and operated by the voluntary, non-profit Friends of Saskatchewan Children Inc. Ronald McDonald House provides a warm and cheerful environment for children being treated on an outpatient basis and for families when a child must stay in the intensive care or other pediatric unit at the hospital.

Georges Vanier Catholic School is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school which offers an arts education core program of music, art, drama and dance that encourages self-expression and individual creation. There are approximately 265 students and 30 full- and part-time teachers, service and support staff at the school, which is located in the Avalon area of the city.

Saskatoon Catholic Schools has more than 15,000 students in five high schools, 34 elementary schools and two associate schools. The division employs approximately 1,600 teaching, service and support staff. The purpose of Saskatoon Catholic Schools is to assist parents and the local church community in the formation of students in heart, mind, body and spirit.

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