



NEWS RELEASE

News – Local/National
Monday, August 24, 2009

Who: WaterCan, Margaret Trudeau and Ottawa's Diplomatic Community

What: 2nd annual *Great Canadian Barbecue and Picnic*

When: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Where: Billings Estate, 2100 Cabot Street, Ottawa

WaterCan Hosts *Great Canadian Barbecue and Picnic* in Honour of Ottawa's Diplomatic Community

OTTAWA, ON – WaterCan, a leading Canadian water charity, hosts its second annual *Great Canadian Barbecue and Picnic* this Tuesday, August 25th at Billings Estate. The event is held in honour of Ottawa's diplomatic community and its ongoing support of WaterCan's work and vision: *Clean Water for All!*

Over 130 mission heads, diplomatic staff and their families representing 30 nationalities will join WaterCan's Honourary President Margaret Trudeau, staff and volunteers to enjoy truly Canadian fare sponsored and prepared by Ottawa's preeminent philanthropist and Order of Canada recipient David Smith.

For the past 15 years, Ottawa's international missions have supported WaterCan through participation in the charity's annual gala fundraiser—The Embassy Dinner. With their support, the event has raised over 1 million dollars and helped more than 40,000 of the world's most vulnerable people gain access to clean water, basic sanitation and hygiene education.

Gary Plum, Executive Director of WaterCan, recognizes this as an important opportunity to “say thank you to Ambassadors and mission staff as well as local volunteers for all that they do to support global development through charities such as ours.”

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