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For immediate release: LET'S GO FISHING!



TORONTO - Scadding Court Community Centre with the support of **City of Toronto Division of Parks Forestry and Recreation, ProAction (Toronto Police Service)** and the **Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto (CHFT)** are pleased to announce the launch of **The 2007 Gone Fishin' Project**

When: 11:00 a.m. on **Tuesday June 19th, 2007**

Where: Scadding Court Community Centre, 707 Dundas Street West, Toronto (intersection of Bathurst and Dundas Streets)

The Gone Fishin' Project transforms the Scadding Court Community Centre indoor pool into a week-long trout fishing pond. It provides a unique context for recreation; education about ecology, biology, the environment and food security; health and wellness promotion; and innovative alternative uses for existing community resources, in this case an indoor swimming pool.

Gone Fishin' runs from **Monday June 18th to Saturday June 23rd**: On Monday to Friday from **10:00 am to 3:00 pm** the pond is reserved for registered groups from local schools and people living with disabilities.

"The Gone Fishin' Project provides a fun and safe family activity and gives people the opportunity to experience the excitement of catching fresh rainbow trout right in their own backyard," says Kevin Lee, Executive Director of Scadding Court Community Centre.

From **3:30pm to 7:00pm weekdays** and on **Saturday June 23rd from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**, members of the public will be charged a nominal fee to access the "pond", and with rods provided by SCCC, have the opportunity to catch a fresh rainbow or albino trout. Admission is \$8.00 per person, which entitles the person to two fish with a fee of \$3.50 applied for each additional fish caught.

"This is an excellent opportunity for inner-city children, youth and people living with disabilities to participate in an activity that they wouldn't normally be able to take part in," said Mohsin Khattak SCCC Youth Worker. *"The kids are really excited and the response for local teachers has been great,"* Khattak added.

Many local politicians and dignitaries have been invited to the special event launch.

"This is a project that the community has truly come to value" said Lee. *"We are greatly thankful to our community partners once again. Without their support programs like this would not be possible"* he added.

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