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### ***“CHRISTMAS IN MUSKOKA” FUNDRAISER RETURNS TO THE CHATHAM ARMOURIES DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> TO THE 8<sup>TH</sup>***

After a very successful first year, *Christmas in Muskoka* returns to the historic Chatham Armouries December 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. Armoury Four Diamond Catering and TekSavvy have partnered with the St. Clair Catholic District School Board for this year’s event.

*Christmas in Muskoka* is highlighted by 40 designer trees, created by our Catholic schools and several businesses and organizations throughout Chatham-Kent. Raffle tickets to win the trees can be purchased throughout the five day event. Draws will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

“Last year, *Christmas in Muskoka*” supported 300 Grade 7 students and 120 secondary school students, who attended the Muskoka Woods Leadership Camp in May,” says Shawn Moynihan, Chair of the *Christmas in Muskoka* committee. “We look forward to building on last year’s success to make this an amazing Christmas event for our entire community.”

The Muskoka Woods Leadership Camp is an opportunity for every Grade 7 student in the St. Clair Catholic District School Board to experience one of Ontario’s premier outdoor adventure camps. There, they partner with students from Ursuline College for four days of fun, featuring everything from mountain biking and canoeing to zip lines and rock climbing, as they bond with their secondary school mentors to learn, challenge themselves and grow.

“This is a tremendous leadership experience for our students and community support for *Christmas in Muskoka* helps make it happen,” says Mr. Moynihan.

Feature events for *Christmas in Muskoka 2012* include:

- Dupont-Pioneer Senior’s Tea – 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – tickets \$5 at the door
- Sun Media Corp. and Glasshouse Nursery & Garden Centre Prestigious Preview Party – featuring hors d’oeuvres from Armoury Four Diamond Catering – Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – tickets \$15 available at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, Baldoon Road, Chatham
- Evening of the Arts – Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – features choirs and bands from Chatham-Kent schools
- Christmas Dance – Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, featuring O’Hara Brothers Band
- McDonald’s Family Breakfast with Santa – Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, seatings at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. – tickets \$10 available at McDonald’s restaurant on St. Clair Street and at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, Baldoon Road, Chatham

The *Christmas in Muskoka* kickoff will be held on **Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** with the Ford Drive One 4UR School event at St. Ursula Catholic School, 426 Lacroix Street, Chatham. In partnership with Victory Ford, a \$20 donation will be made for each test drive. More than 15 new Ford vehicles will be available. All proceeds to *Christmas in Muskoka*.

***Members of the media are welcome!***