

# One gift that makes a difference

World Wildlife Fund is again urging Canadians to give gifts of tropical rainforest this holiday season. For \$25, individuals can purchase a WWF "Guardian of the Rainforest" certificate and, thereby, help protect an acre of Latin American tropical forest.

Funds raised through the Guardian of the Rainforest Program sup-

port the more than 200 WWF conservation projects currently underway in Latin America. These include: the expansion of the Monteverde Nature Reserve to protect Costa Rica's most important tropical forest; the development of sustainable agricultural practices around the Rio Platano Biosphere Reserve; and the estab-

lishment of the world's first jaguar reserve in Belize.

"The Guardian of the Rainforest Program is the perfect opportunity for Canadians to show they care about the world's dwindling tropical forest by purchasing an original holiday gift for friends and family," says Steven Price, vice-president of International Programs for WWF Canada.

"It's the kind of gift that really does keep on giving, long into the new year."

Readers can order their Guardian of the Rainforest certificates by calling World Wildlife Fund at 1-800-26-PANDA.

These area stores are helping to promote the program: Argus Medical Centre in Oakville, D & I Sports in Brampton, For Earth's Sake in Guelph, Gifted Hands in Oakville, Rainsong in Elora and A Small Bookshop in Kitchener.

## Hospital tree-lighting an annual event

What has become an annual tradition in this area is just around the corner - Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital's 1994 Tree-Lighting Festivities.

To be held tomorrow (Thursday) from 7 to 8 pm outside the hospital's front lobby, this year's event will feature carol singing, music by Georgetown Children's Chorus and a special guest of honour from the North Pole. Rounding out the festive celebrations will be hot chocolate, spiced tea and Christmas sweets.

"The festivities provide Georgetown Hospital's staff and board members with an opportunity to formally thank the community for supporting our annual Tree-Lighting Campaign," says John Oliver, chair of the campaign.

"This year we're raising money for a new *Services for Seniors* van, a specially-equipped vehicle that will be used to deliver support services directly to existing seniors' buildings in both Acton and Georgetown."

Be sure to make the Tree-Lighting Festivities a part of your holiday celebrations this year. For further information on the 1994 campaign and celebration, call the hospital's administration office at 873-0111, ext. 241.

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