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### Laurier to host first annual community service-learning fair

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**WATERLOO** – The Laurier Centre for Community Service-Learning will hold its first annual Information Fair and Celebration on Thursday, January 10 at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Representatives from more than 25 local volunteer organizations will set up booths in the Science Atrium and be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to talk with students about volunteer opportunities in the community. Refreshments will be served from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Laurier president Dr. Max Blouw will be in attendance, as will several community members, including Waterloo mayor Brenda Halloran.

“The support of our community partners, faculty and students has been fantastic and we want to celebrate that,” says Paul Davock, director of the Laurier Centre for Community Service-Learning. “It really shows how the university and local organizations work together to make our community better.”

Laurier’s Community Service-Learning program encourages students to be actively involved with local organizations that are related to their area of study, providing practical experience to supplement academic learning. It also allows students to learn about the positive effects of volunteering.

Now in its second year, the program has much to celebrate. Since its introduction in 2006, the number of Laurier courses offering a service-learning component has jumped to 30 from eight. A projected 2,700 students are expected to participate this year. Last year, the Laurier Centre for Community Service-Learning received a Volunteer Impact Award for its achievements.