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## **Homeopath donates house to Laurier for use as ‘global engagement’ residence**

WATERLOO - Wilfrid Laurier University will hold a special event Wednesday, July 8 to celebrate the donation of a house that will be used as an innovative residence in which international and domestic students live together and promote cultural awareness.

The house at 102 Albert St. in Waterloo has been donated by Dr. Ron Harris in memory of his wife Joan, who died in June 2007. For more than 35 years, Ron and Joan Harris offered affordable housing to international students. As such, it is fitting that the Harris Hope House will become a Global Engagement Community, one of four Living Learning residence communities at Laurier.

At Wednesday's event, the Global Engagement residence will be officially unveiled. Laurier president Dr. Max Blouw will thank Dr. Harris for his remarkable gift and discuss the impact it will have on the Laurier community.

Members of the media are invited to attend.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2009  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Harris Hope House,  
102 Albert St., Waterloo ON

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