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Casey Trees plans first Arborists' Day of Service

Professional arborists volunteer to prune, fertilize, and remove trees on Armed Forces Retirement Home

(Washington, DC – March 2, 2010) Casey Trees will spearhead its first Arborists' Day of Service at the Armed Forces Retirement Home Washington Campus on Saturday, March 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Professional arborists from Casey Trees, Lewis Tree Service, The Care of Trees, Davey Tree, Bartlett Tree Care Experts, Growing Earth Tree Care and the District Department of Transportation will donate their services to improve the safety of residents and the health of the trees in highly trafficked areas around the campus's Stanley Chapel. The improved tree canopy will also ensure the safety of the children from the nearby William E. Doar Jr. Public Charter School for the Performing Arts who play beneath these trees daily. Industry non-profits the Maryland Arborist Association and the Mid-Atlantic Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture are supporting the event by recruiting member companies to participate.

Volunteers will work in teams to prune and fertilize oaks, elms and zelkova trees in the northern area of the campus. Three trees in declining health will be removed.

Caring for trees is a small investment with a high return. Trees help lower building utility costs, provide cooling shade, reduce stress and make neighborhoods more livable. Healthy trees are also less likely to fall on personal property such as homes or cars during storms.

The Armed Service Retirement Home established in 1852 houses men and women who have served our country and now reside in the District. Although beautiful with century old buildings, years of budget and resource limitations have had an unfortunate impact on the vegetation of the campus. Many trees are in poor condition.

The Armed Forces Retirement Home is located at Rock Creek Church Road and Upshur Street NW.

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About Casey Trees:

Casey Trees is a Washington, DC-based not-for-profit organization established in 2001 committed to restoring, enhancing and protecting the tree canopy of the Nation's Capital. To learn more about Casey Trees, visit www.caseytrees.org.