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Tribute to Liberty Granted Charitable Status

TORONTO, May 21, 2010—Tribute to Liberty is now a registered charity in Canada and can issue tax receipts for donations to the *Memorial to Victims of Totalitarian Communism – Canada, a Land of Refuge* to be built in Ottawa.

Established in 2008, Tribute to Liberty is a Canadian organization whose mission is to establish a memorial to the victims of totalitarian Communism in Canada's National Capital Region.

“We have been working through the application process for some time now, and are very happy with the outcome. Canada Revenue's decision to register us as a charity further reinforces the importance of the memorial and its value to Canada and Canadians,” says Tribute to Liberty Board Chair Alide Forstmanis.

Forstmanis says the memorial “will commemorate the losses and hardships of all those who suffered under Communism, and will pay tribute to Canada, which was and is a land of refuge for those who seek liberty.”

Tribute to Liberty's grassroots fundraising campaign, the *Pathway to Liberty*, allows donors to tell a story of a victim of Communism or make a dedication with their donation. The campaign is online at www.tributetoliberty.ca.

In September 2009 the National Capital Commission (NCC) approved Tribute to Liberty's proposal to build the memorial on National Capital Region land. Tribute to Liberty is working with the NCC to find a suitable piece of land for the memorial and will be announcing a national design competition later in 2010. Unveiling of the memorial is planned for Fall 2011.

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