

FACT SHEET – Calgary Veterans Event Raises \$88,000.

THE CALGARY VETERANS' FOOD BANK

- The Calgary Veterans' Food Bank is managed by the Calgary Poppy Fund. It provides food hampers, medical equipment, prescription drugs and other supplies to local veterans every year, while also taking care of the final wishes of Veterans who are in hospital.
- Christmas is one of the hardest times of the year for Veterans – emotions run very high and many suffer from depression, thinking about friends they have lost or reliving the memories of where they were during previous Christmases.
- Requests are up by 25% over last year, bringing monthly deliveries to about 100 hampers per month for 2009-10.
- The Veterans' Food Bank often receives support throughout the year in the way of non-perishable food items. The real need is for contributions toward a \$200 gift card to be used for perishable, fresh items, to be included with each food hamper distributed.

THE CANADIAN TENORS have just completed a North American tour with Canadian hit-man David Foster, including shows in New York, Los Angeles, Miami and Vancouver. The Tenors will perform selections from their new Christmas Album *The Perfect Gift* including classic holiday favourites and some new gems, one highlight being a beautiful collaboration with Canadian songstress, Sarah McLachlan. On this album the Tenors worked with Canadian record producer Bob Ezrin (Kiss, Pink Floyd) and Grammy-award winner Humberto Gatica (Celine Dion, Elton John).

The Tenors have toured the globe from Tel Aviv to Toronto, sharing the stage with Andrea Bocelli, Sting, Sheryl Crow, Wyclef Jean, Sarah McLachlan, John Legend, Rita MacNeil and many others. The group includes Clifton Murray, Victor Micallef, Remigio Pereira and Fraser Walters.

CAROL WELSMAN is an internationally acclaimed singer and pianist whose expressive vocal styling and dynamic stage presence have captivated audiences around the world. She has sold over 60,000 CDs in Canada alone, something few jazz artists in Canada have experienced. Her latest album, *I Like Men, Reflections of Miss Peggy Lee*, debuted at #4 on the Canadian Jazz charts, and is a tribute to one of her greatest musical influences. Award Winner for "Album of the Year" at the 2008 Canadian Smooth Jazz Awards, and nominee for "Best Female Vocalist" in 2009, Carol's musical career is soaring to new heights. She has released seven CDs to date, and four have received Juno Award nominations.