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Parks Foundation Calgary celebrates 1000th dedication bench to be placed in city's parks.

June 23rd, 2011, Calgary, Alberta – Parks Foundation Calgary celebrated the 1000th dedication bench to be placed in Calgary's parks and along its pathways this morning at a press conference in River Park (4815 14A St. SW). The Bench Dedication Program has been in existence since 1990 and features benches across the city in popular outdoor spaces like Bowness Park, Edworthy Park and along the river path systems.

"Our Bench Dedication Program offers Calgarians a unique way of recognizing a loved one or occasion. They also offer a place for all to rest and enjoy nature. Our dedication benches have enriched the landscape of our city and become a much-loved part of our path and parks system", said Myrna Dubé, CEO of Parks Foundation Calgary.

Since 1990, Calgarians have purchased benches to recognize a loved one's passing, celebrate an event, and even as a grand gesture of love; "With the recent passing of both our parent's my family wished to find a lasting and meaningful tribute for our Mother and Father. The idea of a memorial bench was decided upon. Parks Foundation Calgary was most helpful in choosing a bench. The area we chose is in a park near our family home where our parents and their five children resided for over fifty years. Parks Foundation Calgary guided us through the complete order process right up to the final installation of our bench. It has been a pleasure to be associated with them" says Calgarian Carol Hern.

The benches, which began as cedar benches, are now made of a more durable and long lasting IPE wood. The program is managed by Parks Foundation Calgary and the benches are maintained by the City of Calgary.

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