

# Media Invite

*Red Friday Event- 15 August – Manitoba Legislature*

August 13th, 2008

## **“Red Shirt Rally” a First for Manitoba Legislature Grounds**



WINNIPEG, Man. – As a first for the Legislature grounds, on Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> August, at noon, the public will be wearing **red shirts** and cheering on the work being done by our serving Manitoba soldiers. A lunch-time rally is planned on the front steps of the Manitoba Legislature just behind the “Yellow Ribbon” garden, planted by our province as a token of Manitoba’s appreciation.

As the flowers have bloomed, so will the outpouring of messages to our soldiers from friends and family as the intent is to cheer them on with a video of the rally. Thanks to the internet, it will be sent into Afghanistan so that our troops know we are 100% behind them!

The rally will feature local MLA, Bonnie Korzeniowski, Special Envoy for Military Affairs and Steven Fletcher, Member of Parliament for Charleswood–St. James–Assiniboia and Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Colonel Robert Poirier, Commander of 38 Canadian Brigade Group, as well as your everyday Manitoban who just wants to say thanks!

Soon enough our sons and daughters, fathers and mothers will be coming home from their gruelling work overseas, mostly in Afghanistan. Close to 720 Manitobans serving with the Canadian Forces will be coming home this fall after many months of duty.

### **The media are invited to cover the event-**

When: Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at noon

Where: Manitoba Legislative Building – North grounds- behind Yellow Ribbon Garden (near Broadway)

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Note to editors: For further information or to set up interviews with the organizers, please contact:

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For Red Friday’s information, go to: [www.redfridays.ca/](http://www.redfridays.ca/)



“To promote wearing Red on Fridays that is impartial to any world events and remain non partisan on supporting the Canadian Troops.”

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