Holy Name Catholic School partners with the Butterfly Peace Garden in Sri Lanka in response to tsunami disaster

When Donna Paterson’s grade 4 class at Holy Name Catholic School found out they had won the $1,000 first prize in a Christmas tree decorating contest at Gerrard Square recently, the students decided to use that money to help the people affected by the tsunami in southeast Asia.

Understanding that the needs in that area will be long-term, the children of Holy Name decided to channel that money to the Butterfly Peace Garden in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka. The garden has served the children from war torn villages in that area since 1996, and miraculously survived the recent natural disaster. In the garden, expressive play and the arts are central to the healing process in communities suffering from war, violence and alienation.

The Butterfly Garden has launched The Garden Path Campaign to help those children who have lost their parents, and in some cases, their entire family to the tsunami.

The initial presentation of the $1,000 cheque, as well as additional money that has been raised by staff and students to date, will take place on Tuesday, January 18th at 1 p.m. Holy Name will continue to fundraise for this purpose throughout the year. Through the Internet the children of the Butterfly Peace Garden and students from Holy Name will be able to share their art and stories.

What: Presentation of Cheque
To Laurie Edwards for the Butterfly Peace Garden

When: Tuesday, January 18, 2005
1:00 p.m.

Where: Holy Name Catholic School
690 Carlaw Avenue, Toronto

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