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MUSEUM HONOURING CANADA'S GREATEST BASEBALL PLAYER OPENS IN ST. CATHARINES

ST. CATHARINES - We can add another great moment to the list of accomplishments of Canada's only Hall of Famer, **Fergie Jenkins**. A unique museum that will showcase his achievements, both on and off the field, will open in St. Catharines at the Fergie Jenkins Foundation. The Grand Opening of the new museum expansion is on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The museum, which will double the current size of the Foundation facility, will soon display Jenkins' accomplishments to the public. It will include replicas of his awards, a Black History exhibit and a wall mural that depicts his life in various stages.

"I am so excited about this new venture, and I know it will help in our fundraising efforts," said Jenkins. *"It was a great privilege to play professional baseball and the new expansion will be a great walk down memory lane."*

The museum expansion is the result of a \$10,000 grant from the **Ontario Trillium Foundation** back in March 2010. The grand opening will include speeches made by some of the distinguished guests and Jenkins, followed by a ribbon cutting and special 3D cake presentation from Cheryl Miller, owner of Cakes by Cheryl. She is a local entrepreneur who generously offered her time and expertise to produce something that is worthy of being in its own hall of fame.

"Fergie Jenkins is an inspirational Canadian, and it is truly an honour to recognize not only the illustrious baseball career of Canada's only Hall of Fame inductee, but also his accomplishments within the community through the Fergie Jenkins Foundation," said Jim Bradley, MPP. *"He is a Hall of Famer both on and off the field."*

Fergie has invited local dignitaries and politicians from the Niagara Region. The festivities will take place at the Foundation office at **67 Commerce Pl, Suite 3, St. Catharines**. Speeches and presentations will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The Fergie Jenkins Foundation was established in 1997 with the purpose of raising funds for charities and community initiatives across North America. The Foundation supports hundreds of charities across Canada and the United States and has raised more than \$4 million since its inception.

A leading grantmaker in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities: www.otf.ca

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