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PRESS RELEASE

Caledonia Conservancy Kicks Off 25th Anniversary Community-wide Events Planned Throughout the Year

The Caledonia Conservancy today announced the official kickoff of its 25th Anniversary in 2019 — with two major gifts from long-time supporters. To celebrate, the Caledonia Conservancy will host a series of community-wide events throughout the year, many of which will take place on or near Conservancy lands. The public is invited to attend these events so they can experience first-hand the Caledonia Conservancy's many trails and community green spaces.

Legacy of Giving

The year began with a gift from Kjell and Elizabeth Cameron-Erlandsson, whose generosity brought the Conservancy one step closer to a long-held dream of connecting its Tabor Woods and Kings Corner properties. The signing of an easement now secures a portion of land for future generations to enjoy.

Another major gift came in late January, with the donation of 53 acres from the Ehrlich Family Limited Partnership. Susan Ehrlich Smith and Robin Ehrlich Eastham, daughters of Kingston and Toni Ehrlich, gifted three parcels of agricultural fields and one parcel of mixed hardwood forest. The land is located on the north side of 4 Mile Road and Highway 31, just west of the Trout Ponds Prairie parking lot.

The gift is a fitting tribute to the legacy of King and Toni Ehrlich, local realtors who shared a passion for preserving Caledonia land for horseback riding as well as recreational use for the general public. During their lifetime, King and Toni gifted a total of 53.4 acres to the Caledonia Conservancy, which has since honored them by dedicating King's Corner at Highway 31 and 5 Mile Road in their memory.

Thanks to the steadfast commitment of its supporters and volunteers through the decades, the group that was first formed in 1994 has today evolved into a vibrant, nationally recognized accredited land trust that remains focused on conservation and community green space.

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The group's volunteers manage more than 260 acres of land. By working together, with a common shared vision, the Conservancy connects people to nature, improves the quality of life through public access to equestrian and recreational trails, and provides educational opportunities for children and adults alike.

Schedule of 25th Anniversary Events*

April 30 - May 3	School To Nature at Tabor Woods
May 7 - 10	School To Nature at Tabor Woods
May 11	Flower Walk at Tabor Woods
May 11	Bird Walk at Trout Ponds Prairie
June 22	Mane Event Equestrian Trail Ride
Sept. 21	25th Celebration Picnic and Fundraiser
Sept. 24 - 27	School to Nature at Trout Ponds
Oct. 1 - 4	School to Nature at Trout Ponds
Dec. 6	CC Holiday Fundraiser at Racine Masonic Center



*For the latest events schedule, go to the events calendar at:

www.caledoniaconservancy.org

About the Caledonia Conservancy

Since 1994, the Caledonia Conservancy has served to protect nature trails and green space in Caledonia for preservation and recreation. Conservancy-owned parcels have access and are open from sunrise to sunset, with hiking and horse trails throughout. The Caledonia Conservancy is a fully accredited land trust that relies and volunteers and donors to sustain its vision.

Learn how the Caledonia Conservancy supports the community by connecting people to Caledonia's trails and green space at:

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From left, King and Toni Ehrlich rode and jumped together on the Caledonia trails every Sunday morning. Both were passionate nature lovers as well accomplished riders, who over the years gifted a total of 53.4 acres to the Caledonia Conservancy. As the Conservancy entered its 25th year, The Ehrlich Family Limited Partnership with daughters Susan Ehrlich Smith and Robin Ehrlich Eastham, paid tribute to the Ehrlich family's proud legacy of giving with a donation of 53 additional acres of land to the Conservancy.

