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Architectural Walking Tour for a Change

(TORONTO, ON) March 31, 2017 – Join the Toronto Chapter of the Huntington Society of Canada for the 19th Annual Wiswell Family Gems Walk featuring the Wychwood Neighbourhood. Wychwood Park was originally founded by Marmaduke Matthews, a landscape painter who built the first house here in 1873 with intentions of creating an oasis for artists. He named his budding colony after Wychwood Forest in Oxfordshire, near where he grew up in England. Wychwood Park is an extremely unique and private area of the city, a special treat with greenery and quiet streets. Since Wychwood Park was designated an Ontario Heritage Conservation in 1985, many houses are listed as heritage properties, as reflected in their beautiful architecture, which reflects the English Arts and Crafts movement (1860–1910), featuring traditional English houses with naturally Romantic landscapes. This event is the inspiration of a local Toronto resident, Jim Wiswell, who loves the city’s neighbourhoods and is in the early stages of Huntington disease (HD), a devastating neurological disease that has already claimed the life of his father.

What? 19th Annual Wiswell Family Gems Walk

When? Sunday April 30, 2017, Walking Tour Begins at 2p.m.

Where? Meet at the Artscape Wychwood Barns to tour Wychwood Park

Why? In support of the individuals and families impacted by Huntington disease

Details: For event information visit <http://www.hscevents.ca/GemsWalk>
For Chapter and HD information visit <https://hdtoronto.org/>

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Huntington disease (HD) is a debilitating brain disorder that is fatal and incurable. About one in every 7,000 Canadians has HD and approximately one in every 5,500 is at-risk of developing the disease. Many more are touched by HD whether as a caregiver, a family member, or a friend. Huntington disease is often described as having the symptoms of Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and ALS – simultaneously. As the disease progresses, a person with Huntington’s become less able to manage movements, recall events, make decisions and control emotions. The disease leads to incapacitation and, eventually, death.

The **Huntington Society of Canada (HSC)** is a respected leader in the worldwide effort to find a meaningful treatment for Huntington disease. HSC is the only Canadian health charity dedicated to providing help and hope for families dealing with Huntington disease across Canada.

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