



Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

COLIN CARRIE AND THE FIRST TIE OF CHRISTMAS: WORLD AIDS DAY

For immediate release.

OSHAWA, December 2, 2011 –Yesterday, Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, as part of his fund raising effort for the Refuge Youth Outreach Centre, wore the first of his “12 ties of Christmas” in honour of World AIDS Day.

“Yesterday was a very special occasion,” stated Colin Carrie. “I thought I would wear a plain red tie, as many people wear red ribbons to honour World AIDS Day. Like everyone else, I want to help raise awareness for the victims of AIDS.”

Currently, there are approximately 34 million people around the world who are living with HIV or AIDS, which is roughly the population of Canada. Last year, 1.8 million people died from AIDS. In Canada, it is estimated that more than 65,000 people were living with the disease in 2008, and approximately one quarter of those people did not know that they were infected.

To mark the occasion, Colin spoke in the House of Commons on Government Initiatives to help combat AIDS in Canada and around the world. On behalf of the Government and the Health Minister, Colin attended and spoke at an event to mark Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week and spoke at the Fourth Annual World AIDS Day Gala in Ottawa.

“I think it was an appropriate tie for the occasion,” stated Colin Carrie. “I certainly would not be mistaken for Don Cherry, but there are still 11 days to go.”

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