

Perth businesses owner awarded second environmental award

TORONTO – September 11, 2007 – The Canadian Health Food Association (CHFA) honoured individuals and companies who have exhibited outstanding industry service and leadership in the natural and organic product industry with the CHFA People of Excellence Awards on September 8.

Local Perth business owner, Don Smith, was presented with the CHFA Spotlight Award – Environmental in the retail category for the environmental leadership demonstrated at his natural food store, Foodsmiths, located at 106 Wilson Street West.

Smith has done much to lessen his business' environmental footprint in addition to creating an environmental awareness amongst his customers. For instance, he has installed a solar powered hot water heating system, high efficiency refrigeration units, and CFC lighting in the store. A "Bring your own Bag" rewards customers when they bring in their own shopping bags with a donation to a local charity and as of September 1, Foodsmiths charges 10 cents per plastic bag issued, again with funds donated to local charities. In addition, customers are paid to recycle empty vitamin and supplement bottles! Customers have recycled over 2145 empty bottles so far.

The CHFA Spotlight Award – Environmental is Smith's second award recognizing his environmental stewardship. The Art of Being Green Festival awarded Foodsmiths with the "Take the Leap Award 2007" for "Leadership by a Lanark county business in the area of environmental stewardship."

The CHFA congratulates all CHFA People of Excellence Award recipients:

CHFA Hall of Fame Award

David Chapman

CHFA Organics Achievement Award

Eric Eberhardt

Spotlight Award, Environmental – Retailer

Foodsmiths
Perth, ON

Spotlight Award, Environmental – Supplier

Nature's Path Foods Inc.
Richmond, BC

Preferred Nutrition Award for Excellence in Retail Sales

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CHFA Exhibitors Award – Medium Booth

Organic Meadow
Guelph, ON

CHFA Exhibitors Award – Small Booth

Metromint
San Francisco, CA

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