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Sam Rudolph Remembered

On the third anniversary of the passing of his father, Mark Rudolph wanted to do something special to memorialize his dad, a prominent interior decorator and owner of Rudolph Interiors from Port Colborne. He has chosen to create of the **Samuel L. Rudolph Memorial Fund** at the Niagara Community Foundation, which will become part of the Environmental Legacy Fund for Niagara.

“I think this fund is quite a fitting tribute to Sam,” says Mark. “A portion of the earnings on the fund will be used to support community-based projects to protect and/or restore the environmental integrity of the local shorelines and watersheds. For a man who loved his beach house on Lake Erie, I thought that this was something I wanted to invest in.”

The Environmental Legacy Fund will be held by the Niagara Community Foundation and generate earnings to support environmental restoration and rehabilitation projects. The Foundation is currently raising \$500,000 for this endowment fund. Mark, through his company justenvironment, made a five-year commitment to support the Samuel L. Rudolph Memorial Fund. He is encouraging his family and friends of Sam to also contribute.

Established in November 2000, the Niagara Community Foundation is a collection of endowed funds held in perpetuity given by caring citizens who have chosen to make their community a better place to live and work. The earnings on the endowment funds are awarded as grants to charities providing programs and services across Niagara. To date over \$3 million has been raised in permanently endowed funds. The campaign to create the Environmental Legacy Fund was launched during 2004 and has raised \$150,000 to date.

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