



Children & Elders Forest

Tree Sponsorship Form for the November 5, 2011 planting of Songbird Grove

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WHO and WHY – Children & Elders Forest began 2005 in Bloomington/Normal. We encourage teams of children and elders to: 1) plant indigenous trees in groves, 2) to celebrate and deepen bonds among the generations, and 3) to improve the quality of life. We have planted more than 544 trees in 8 groves. These trees represent a gift of over \$81,600 to the community, with an estimated long-term savings of \$408,000 in storm water run-off, soil erosion, air pollution, air-conditioning and health.

WHAT and WHEN – Songbird Grove is located at 3210 W. Northtown Rd., about 3 miles northwest of Normal. This grove is a part of the **M.J. Rhymer Family Nature Preserve** of Dry Grove Township. When completed, the full grove will have 165 trees of 22 species. Songbird Grove is an incredible opportunity to be part of a nature education center, which will benefit our whole community. On **November 5, 2011** we will celebrate the planting. The following trees are available for sponsorship: 2 Basswood, 5 Black Walnut, 5 Bur Oak, 2 Catalpa, 6 Chinkapin Oak, 5 Hackberry, 5 Sugar Maple, 3 Red Oak and 5 White Oak.

HOW – To register for a tree, mail this form, your story, and a check for \$165 to reserve a tree in this grove. Each multi-generational team (they can be living or deceased), of at least 1 elder and 1 child, sponsors a tree and pays \$165 (the cost of a healthy tree, from 1-3 inches in diameter). There will be a tag on each tree with the name of the tree and team members. If you are sponsoring a tree as a gift for a loved one, we will mail you a gift certificate for them. **Go to our website (www.ceforest.org) to see which trees are still available and write down your 3 top tree preferences.**

REGISTRATION DIRECTIONS - Trees will be ordered in early October.

- 1) Please **fill out both pages** of the tree sponsorship form for each tree to be sponsored.
- 2) Write a check (\$165 for each tree) to **M. J. Rhymer**, **or** pay with credit card through **PayPal** on our website, [ceforest.org](http://www.ceforest.org).
- 3) Mail the **form, check or PayPal** number, and your **story** to: Deborah Oberg, 206 W. Kelsey St., Bloomington, IL 61701. You can also register by **phone**: Joe Grabill at 454-2883, or **e-mail**: children.elders.forest@gmail.com.

(Your name, address, phone and e-mail information will not be re-released to other sources without your written permission.)

Name of Contact Person: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #: (day) _____ (p.m.) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail of Contact Person _____

Your Age: _____ Over 70 _____ 50-69 _____ 30-49 _____ Under 30

Your story (optional) - On a separate page, please write a paragraph or so why you have chosen to sponsor a tree and what this means to you. Your story, which may appear on the web site, helps to build our history and to inspire others to sponsor a tree.

If you want this tree to be a gift & would like a Gift Certificate please check here: (✓) _____

Top 3 Tree Choices: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

