



For immediate release

*Sharpe's Food Market*  
**2009 Recipient of the Arnold Rands Heritage Award**

**TORONTO: November 9, 2009.** . . Dave Delchiaro, Chair of the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers (CFIG) Board of Directors and John F.T. Scott, President and CEO of CFIG, announced Sharpe's Food Market, Campellford, as a 2009 recipient of CFIG's prestigious Arnold Rands Heritage Award.

The Sharpe family was officially recognized on stage, on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at Grocery Innovations Canada 2009, Canada's premier grocery exposition and conference. It was an especially special night since Marian Sharpe is one of CFIG's founding members. "Forty-seven years ago, my late husband, Bruce, and several other like-minded grocers met in Toronto. They believed that being an independent did not mean going it alone. The result was an organization, which today, has a national presence and represents over 4000 grocery retailers. Thank you for your special recognition and we feel truly honored to be part of the history and future of CFIG," said Marian Sharpe.

First located in Toronto in the 1950's, Bruce and Marion Sharpe ambitiously decided to move their store and family to rural Ontario in the early 1960's. In 1962, Bruce and Marion became two of the founders of CFIG. From this nearly fifty year history, has evolved a vibrant, truly independent food retailer. Led by Steve, Tom, and John Sharpe, Sharpe's is a cornerstone of the community, always in the forefront, supporting local residents as they work to maintain and grow their store's distinctive rural heritage in eastern Ontario. Sharpe's success is due to the tremendous dedication and efforts of family members and long serving staff. "However, we can not overlook the dedication and guidance of Marion Sharpe. As a founding member of CFIG, Mrs. Sharpe truly embodies what it is to be a successful Canadian independent grocer. CFIG is very proud to recognize her commitment and efforts over the years," said John F.T. Scott, President and CEO of CFIG.

The Arnold Rands Heritage Award is given to the year's best multi-generational grocery store that is privately owned, and that has been in the same family for at least two generations, in the same community for a minimum of 35 years.

**The Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers (CFIG)** is a non-profit trade association founded in 1962, which continues to be a collaborative community, equipping and enabling independent, franchised and specialty grocers for sustainable success. Representing over 4000 grocery retailers from every part of Canada, CFIG is a strong and united voice for independent grocers, providing programs for operational excellence, facilitating educational and training programs and fostering enabling-relationships among retailers and suppliers. CFIG is a respected organization that speaks confidently for its retail members to industry, government, and the consumer.

- 30 -

**For more information, contact:**

Meg Chari, Coordinator of Communications  
Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers  
416-492-2311 ext. 222  
mchari@cfg.ca