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***Montreal youth join UNA-Canada in call for Action on HIV/AIDS***

**Thursday, 2 February, 2006, Ottawa - The United Nations Association in Canada** hosts the *Montreal Regional Forum: YOUTH and HIV/AIDS* this weekend, at CLE Saint-Michel 3750 Boulevard Cremazie Est, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, in Montreal, Quebec.

The *Montreal Regional Forum* will showcase powerful and poignant speakers from the Montreal community who will share and create personal and sustainable strategies that increase our ability to prevent and manage HIV/AIDS in local, national and global contexts. The forum will facilitate greater youth participation and *AIDS 2006* taking place in Toronto this year.

Registration is free and the forum is open to anyone between the ages of 20 and 29. We encourage registration from HIV positive and HIV-affected or at-risk youth, youth working around HIV/AIDS issues and organizations who have little or no knowledge or experience with HIV/AIDS. Knowledge shared at the regional forums will inform a Canadian Youth Declaration on HIV/AIDS, a nationally distributed Peer to Peer Resource Manual, as well as a National Youth Survey on HIV/AIDS.

**It's time to Act: Mobilizing Young Canadians Around HIV/AIDS** is an initiative that engages youth who are infected, affected and unaware of HIV/AIDS, in a series of cross-country regional forums, to build capacity for action around the prevention and management of HIV/AIDS.

**UNA-Canada** is a national charitable organization that is celebrating its landmark 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As a 'think and do' organization, UNA-Canada supports a network of fifteen volunteer branches from our headquarters in Ottawa. Ever creative and innovative its mandate is to engage Canadians in the work of the UN and the critical global issues which affect us all.

**DATE AND TIME: Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00pm to 9:30pm/Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30am to 5:30 pm**

**LOCATION: CLE Saint-Michel, 3750 Boulevard Cremazie E, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Montreal.**

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