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***Wheelchair Basketball Paralympian brings Sport-in-a-Box to Ottawa Public School***

**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Ottawa-**The United Nations Association in Canada through its *Sport-in-a-Box* programme will be hosting a morning of Wheelchair Basketball to the students of Centennial Public School, on Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup>. The event will be hosted by Patrick Anderson, Captain of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball team and Sarah Kambites, Education Programme Manager for UNA-Canada, to promote *Sport-in-a-Box*.

The Hon. Michael D. Chong, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister for Sport will also be addressing the students on the importance of sport and physical education.

**Patrick Anderson** touted by the Paralympic Games as being “*arguably the best Wheelchair Basketball player in the world.*” A testament to that reputation is his gold-medal win for Canada at the Paralympic games in Athens in 2004. Patrick is a trailblazer in changing the way people view athletes today, he remains an inspiration and ambassador of Sport to UNA-Canada.

*Sport-in-a-Box* inspires young Canadians to use the power of sport to engage with their communities in the global issues that affect us all. This innovative, creative and fun project uses sport to promote public awareness and to highlight the importance of a life-long engagement in sport, physical activity and the appreciation of social-cultural diversity. *What would you put in the Box?*

**UNA-Canada** is a national charitable organization celebrating its landmark 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As a ‘think and do’ organization, UNA-Canada supports a network of fifteen volunteer branches with a National office in Ottawa and Western professional office in Vancouver. Our mandate is to engage Canadians in the work of the UN and the critical global issues which affect us all, through innovative projects, policy research, and on-going communications with Canadians.

**DATE AND TIME: Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2006, 10:30 to 11:30 am**

**LOCATION: Centennial Public School, 376 Gloucester Street.**

**For further information or to set-up interviews with Mr. Anderson please feel free to contact:**

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