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UNA-Canada brings the ideals of World Health Day to Canadians

Thursday, 6 April, 2006, Ottawa-The United Nations Association in Canada celebrates World Health Day. Every year on April 7th organizations around the world celebrate the UN declared World Health Day. World Health Day recognizes global health issues and is this year noting the contributions of health workers worldwide. UNA-Canada celebrates all health-workers from Doctors, to educators who promote safe and healthy practices to our youth, to athletes who serve as positive role-models of healthy and active lifestyles.

With 2015 just around the corner, **UNA-Canada** continues to press upon the ticking timeline of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's). **UNA-Canada** has three specific programmes; **Healthy Children, Healthy Communities, It's Time to Act** and **Sport-in-a-Box**, that highlight the MDG's that address the Social Determinants of Health..

Healthy Children, Healthy Communities (HC²) Through community workshops and a Child Health Perceptions Survey, children (aged 9-12) and child health stakeholders exchange knowledge about social factors that impact health. In their communities, participants create plans to ensure that their priorities are included in health initiatives in their schools and communities, provincially, nationally, and internationally.

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.

Sport-in-a-Box empowers young Canadians to think globally, act locally and share their ideas through the universal language of sport and physical activity. Furthermore, it relies on the power of sport as a vehicle to promote health, education, development and peace.

UNA-Canada is a national charitable organization that is celebrating its landmark 60th 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.

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