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Toronto Youth wrap-up *Sport-in-a-Box*

(November 13th, 2006, Ottawa) The United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada) through its exciting *Sport-in-a-Box* initiative have been working this past year in fourteen communities across Canada and teaching kids aged 9 to 12 on how to use sport and physical education to learn about global citizenship and issues that the UN fosters.

Lauren Alcorn, the *Sport-in-a-Box* Regional Coordinator for Toronto is working with youth through the Toronto District School Board, Native Youth and Child Services, and the YMCA day camps of Toronto. The youth are completing their boxes and one community box from the GTA to travel to Vancouver on November 20th for an exchange ceremony involving various ministers of sport and health, and aspiring athletes for 2010.

In return Toronto will receive a community box from Winnipeg that represents that unique community's symbols of sport, health and physical education.

The final Toronto box will be completed this week.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday November 14th 2006, 10:00 am-11:00am

LOCATION: Seneca Hill Public School, 625 Seneca Hill Drive, Don Mills

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. *Sport-in-a-Box* asks the question 'what would you put in the box?' in engaging youth to share their perspectives on sport, physical activity and global education.

UNA-Canada is a national charitable organization celebrating its landmark 60th anniversary. As a 'think and do' organization, UNA-Canada supports a network of 17 volunteer branches and local contacts, with a National office in Ottawa and a 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.

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