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Focusing on the Environment: 2007 Youth Social Justice Symposium to be held November 14

Kemptville, ON – Members of the media are invited to attend the second annual *Just-Us Youth Day*, a youth social justice symposium which will be attended by over 300 Grade 10 students from the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario. **The event will be held on November 14, 2007 at the North-Grenville Community Centre in Kemptville beginning at 9:45 a.m.**

This year, the day will focus on environmental issues, and how to engage youth to take an active role in the preservation of our planet as stewards of the Earth.

This symposium features keynote speaker **Lisa Glithero**. Ms. Glithero has dedicated her professional and personal life to education, youth and the environment. She has taught in Canada and in Nepal. Ms. Glithero continues to serve as the Education Director for *Students on Ice*, an organization that leads educational expeditions for youth to Antarctica and the Arctic. Through seven polar expeditions, she has witnessed firsthand the impact of climate change, further igniting her passion to connect today's youth to the planet's global ecosystem.

The day has been organized by the CDSBEO Social Justice Committee and the Student Senate, which has representation from all CDSBEO Catholic secondary schools under the leadership of Catholic Student Trustee James King. The planning and organizing of the event has given the students an opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills.

Media are invited for interview opportunities with several participants including:

- Lisa Glithero
- CDSBEO Director of Education, Bill Gartland
- Catholic Student Trustee James King

Throughout the day, students will take part in several workshops that aim to teach them how to become more active participants in the preservation of the environment. The presentations will

encourage and inspire students to share an environmentally conscious message and lead others in responding to the call to action.

This is the second year for this interactive and fun day which has been created specifically for CDSBEO Grade 10 students.

For more information, please contact CDSBEO Communications Officer Bob Perreault at 613-258-7757 or 1-800-443-4562 ext. 206.

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