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Ontario Student Wins the Canadian Landmine Foundation's Mark R. Isfeld Essay Contest

(Toronto – July 31, 2008) The Canadian Landmine Foundation is happy to announce that Sara Everson, of Port Hope is the winner of the third annual Mark Isfeld Essay Contest. The essay contest was an opportunity for students across Canada to share their stories about the Canadian tradition of peacekeeping. The contest was well received by Canadian students with 265 entries this year. Sara receives a \$500 scholarship donated by the MCpl. Mark Isfeld Memorial Chapter of the Canadian Association of UN Peacekeeping, and her essay will be featured in the "Celebrate a Peace of Canada" booklet produced by the Canadian Landmine Foundation for Peacekeepers' Day.

Since the beginning of the essay contest 3 years ago we have asked prominent Canadians to participate in the judging of the essays. This year, Col (ret.) Don Ethell, (Canada's most experienced peacekeeper), Sgt. (ret.) Billy Willbond (Canada's soldier poet), Ms. Bonnie McFeeters (from Veteran Affairs Canada) and the Executive Committee of Legion Branch 199 in Vancouver acted as judges.

"I am very proud of the students who took the time to learn about our peacekeeping heritage and to think about what peacekeeping means to them as Canadians," said Colonel (ret'd) Don Ethell. "It is very encouraging to see this generation celebrating and honouring our Canadian Peacekeepers."

In addition to Sara, the judges acknowledged the work of Lillian Chalabi (North York, ON), Projoy Roy (Brampton, ON), Amelia Penner (Kelowna, BC), Laurence Mainville (Quebec City, QC) and Cassandra Fong (Vancouver, BC). These intelligent and eloquent young Canadians were the six finalists for the essay contest. Their essays will also be published in the Celebrate a Peace of Canada booklet.

Peacekeepers' Day on August 9th

This patriotic day helps acknowledge the Canadian men and women who have laboured to bring peace to communities affected by war. Peacekeepers' Day was created to recognize the work of Canadians from the military, police, and diplomatic service that have served on peacekeeping missions around the world and their families.

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