

## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Homework help spells success for students *Frontier College hosts free Homework Club Conference*

**TORONTO, Ontario** – Thursday, May 3, 2007 – The media are invited to attend a conference on how to set up and maintain effective homework clubs and after-school learning programs. Frontier College, in partnership with Toronto Public Library, North York Community House, and Tropicana Community Services is hosting a free full-day conference for community agencies in Scarborough and North York.

Conference highlights include:

- Setting up and running effective Homework Clubs
- Volunteer management
- Volunteer training
- Math – tutoring for understanding

We know that students who struggle in the classroom benefit from help in the community, outside of the classroom. Frontier College has been organizing after-school programs for children and youth in communities across Canada since 1984. Homework clubs not only promote the growth and development of students, but also increase their self-esteem and provide them with much needed mentors.

**WHAT: Homework Club Conference**

**WHO: representatives from Frontier College, Toronto Public Library, North York Community House, Ontario Ministry of Education, Central Neighbourhood House and over 130 community members**

**WHEN: Monday, May 7, 2007 – 9:00AM to 4:00PM, lunch included**

**WHERE: North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge Street (North York Centre)**

This conference is made possible thanks to funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Literacy is an essential skill in today's world. At **FRONTIER COLLEGE**, we believe it's a fundamental right. Low literacy skills are directly linked to poverty, poor health and high unemployment. Forty-two percent of adult Canadians have trouble with everyday tasks that involve reading. That's millions of Canadians who are not reaching their potential. Through a network of thousands of volunteers, Frontier College is helping people to realize their potential and seize the opportunities that come their way.

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