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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Frontier College celebrates 107 years of volunteer literacy work

*Media invited to open house; meet volunteers and learners*

**TORONTO, Ontario** – Tuesday, September 12, 2006 – The media are invited to attend an open house to celebrate Frontier College's 107 years of volunteer literacy service to Canadians. The not-for-profit literacy organization will host an open house on Friday, September 15, 2006 at its national head office near Yonge and St. Clair in Toronto.

There will be an opportunity for visitors to learn about:

- Independent Studies, a program that focuses on adult learners to help them overcome barriers to literacy due to cognitive or developmental disabilities
- Beat the Street, a many-faceted literacy program for out of school youth who are at-risk, street-involved, or homeless
- Labourer Teachers who work alongside migrant farm workers and volunteer their time to provide educational and recreational opportunities for their co-workers

**WHAT:** Frontier College Open House celebration

**WHO:** Frontier College students and literacy tutors, The Hon. James K. Bartleman (Lieutenant Governor of Ontario), John O'Leary (President of Frontier College), Christina Tari (Chair, Frontier College), Nora Farrell (Chair, Frontier College Foundation), musical group The Arrogant Worms

**WHEN:** Friday, September 15, 2006, 4:00 to 7:00PM

**WHERE:** 35 Jackes Avenue (3 blocks south of St. Clair Ave., on the east side of Yonge St.)

**VISUALS:** Frontier College students and tutors demonstrate their literacy programs

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 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.

For more information about Frontier College, or to RSVP, please contact:

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