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Investing in our Diversity Scholarships: Breakfast Social

Toronto – Thursday May 1st, 2008 Scadding Court Community Centre and Toronto Community Housing are co-hosting the *Investing in our Diversity Scholarships: Breakfast Social*. The Scholarship Program awards fifteen (15) post-secondary scholarships worth \$4,000 each to young men and women from Toronto Community Housing communities who have been involved in anti-racism, diversity and leadership initiatives in their schools or communities.

To learn more about *Investing in our Diversity*, we invite you to join Mayor David Miller, Dr. Alok Mukherjee, Chair of the Toronto Police Services Board, Master of Ceremonies Hamlin Grange, President of DiversiPro and member of the Toronto Police Services Board and others from **8 am to 9 am at the offices of Blaney McMurtry LLP** in the Maritime Life Tower at **2 Queen Street East, Suite 1500**.

From its beginnings as a basic scholarship program, *Investing in our Diversity* has evolved to include matching funds from post-secondary institutions, an active Alumni Association and an Employment Program with Scotiabank taking the corporate lead and delivered in partnership with St. Stephen's Community House Employment & Training Centre – to be launched at this event.

"This is a unique and holistic program that supports marginalized young people who are undervalued in our society," says SCCC Executive Director Kevin Lee. "It is high time that we begin to acknowledge the fact that they are an important social asset, both today and for the future," added Lee.

The Breakfast Social is an opportunity for members of the Honorary Advisory Committee, corporate sponsors, scholarship supporters, scholarship alumni and others interested in this program to meet and to learn more about how this exciting initiative is growing.

"We are proud to be able to honour the achievements of youth and to support them as they work toward more positive race relations in the City of Toronto," says Toronto Community Housing CEO Derek Ballantyne. "They are a new generation of leaders," he added.

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