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**Record breaking: over 250 multi-cultural participants registered in
4th Annual City Mosaic**

(May 31, 2008 Toronto) Across U-hub continues to encourage local Chinese Canadian Youth to explore the beauty of multi-cultural Toronto, the 4th Annual City Mosaic race is taking place this Saturday, May 31, 2008. Grateful of all of the support from the community, the number of participants registered for this year's race was recording breaking of 250. This event was included in the Asian Heritage Month celebration since last year. This year's participants had included youths from South Asian, which reflects the multi-cultural diversity of Toronto, the event organizer hopes that this will bring forth an opportunity for different ethnic group to appreciate and exchange each other's culture.

Toronto is one of the most world-renowned multi-cultural societies, however, immigrants to this city often live within one's own niche and was not able to have a taste of the true multi-culturalism. Since 2005, a non-profit organization, Across U-hub employed "Breakthrough your own boundary" as their slogan and organized many activities for youth to be involved in the community. For the past 3 years, youth had grown increased interest in participating in City Mosaic, the event attracts over hundreds of youths to take part. It is Across U-hub's intend to organize this event for youth of different ethnicity so they can have a common platform to understand each other's culture.

Despite the possibility of thunder rain on the race day, the participants all raced with much enthusiasm and anticipating hearts. During opening ceremony at 9 o'clock, the Indian dancer Shababa Vij performed a type of Punjabi Dance called the Bhangra. The performer impressed all guest and participants during the four-minute dance with rapid music beats. The organizer, youth volunteers and special guests Markham Mayor Scarpitti, Councillor Chin Lee, and president of Social Service Network, Mr. Naushad Hirji hosted the formal opening ceremony for City Mosaic race. Each guest was asked to place a "foot step" on a Toronto map for the ceremony, this symbolizes participants will all leave their footprints in different corners of the city during the race. All participants commenced the race with groups of four, using TTC and walking as means of transportation, they were to explore Toronto and find out answers to questions in different checkpoints. The organizer challenged participants to explore different checkpoints in different ethnic community, pay attention to details, and the groups that can find the most answers in 8 hours will become the champion.

One of the highlights of this year's City Mosaic event was t-shirt sales for the purpose of fundraising for the recent Sichuan earthquake disaster fund. Volunteers from Across U-hub is also promoting an upcoming Lament Youth Concert on Sunday, June 8. Youths are encouraged to submit music compositions for this fundraising concert. This concerts employs interview, words, music and multi-media to encourage youth to be aware of world events and



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to develop a positive helping attitude. The organizer hope to bring youths to attend the Lament Youth Concert on June 8 at 7 – 9pm, the concert will be held at Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church. For event details, phone: 905 944 1944 or email: info@acrossuhub.com.

Across U-hub Overview

Together we help nurture our youth:

- *to become a bridge across cultures by taking roots in Canada while developing a global perspective*
- *to become servant leaders for communities by helping them grow holistically*

Work:

We adopt creative, interactive and multi-disciplinary approaches:

- *to nurture our youth's holistic growth*
- *to cultivate their servant leadership skills*
- *to promote peer support and mentorship*

to foster their sense of community and to encourage active participation in cultural and civic activities etc.