



NEWS RELEASE

CIBC and CAW honoured for supporting vulnerable children

TORONTO, ONT., June 4, 2010 - On June 8, Canadian Feed The Children (CFTC) recognizes CIBC and the CIBC Children's Foundation, and the members of the Canadian Auto Workers union for their exceptional support of children affected by poverty in 2009.

Canadian Feed The Children presents the awards at their annual donor appreciation event, which takes place at the **Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto on June 8**. "All of us at Canadian Feed The Children deeply appreciate the passion and commitment of CIBC employees and members of the CAW union to help children thrive," says CFTC Executive Director Debra Kerby. "We are thrilled to have such dedicated champions of our mission."

Members of the Canadian Auto Workers union will be recognized as the 2009 Outstanding Community Partner for their continuous support of education, income generation, health, nutrition and agricultural programs in Ethiopia.

"Since our union was established 25 years ago, the CAW has been committed to improving the lives of workers and their families. It has been the commitment of CAW members to social justice that has taken our work well beyond the confines of boardrooms and bargaining tables and into the community, whether in Canada or around the world," said CAW National President Ken Lewenza. "On behalf of CAW members from coast to coast we are honoured to receive the Outstanding Community Partner award from Canadian Feed the Children, an organization we hold in the highest regard and join with in the battle to eradicate child poverty."

CIBC and the CIBC Children's Foundation will be recognized as the 2009 Outstanding Corporate Partner for their ongoing support of Canadian Feed The Children's National Aboriginal Nutrition Program, providing nutritious meals at schools and summer camps across Canada.

"CIBC and its employees are honoured to be receiving the 2009 Outstanding Corporate Partner award from Canadian Feed The Children, recognizing CIBC's commitment to the Aboriginal Nutrition Program in Canada," says Richard Nesbitt, Chairman and CEO of CIBC's wholesale banking business. "Our continued support of Canadian Feed The Children is made possible through our employees, who each year donate their fees and commissions to children's charities across Canada on the first Wednesday in December as part of CIBC Miracle Day."

Representatives from CIBC and the CIBC Children's Foundation, and the members of the Canadian Auto Workers union will accept their awards at the **Bata Shoe Museum from 6:30 to 9:00 on Tuesday June 8, 2010**. Also on hand and available for interviews will be CFTC's Country Representatives from **Bolivia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Haiti and Uganda**.

About CAW union

The CAW is Canada's largest private sector union representing 225,000 members in all major economic sectors. The union's Social Justice Fund (SJF), first negotiated in 1990, is used to provide solidarity assistance to non-profit and humanitarian projects within Canada and around the world. The SJF has become a feature within a growing number of CAW collective agreements. It is a mark of the CAW's commitment to the idea of social unionism.

About CIBC

CIBC is committed to supporting causes that matter to our clients, our employees and our communities. We aim to make a difference in communities through corporate donations, sponsorships and the volunteer spirit of employees. With a strategic focus on youth, education and health, and employee commitment to causes including the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure, the CIBC Children's Foundation and United Way, we are investing in the social and economic development of communities across the country. In 2009, CIBC contributed \$26.8 million to charitable and non-profit initiatives in Canada, supporting a wide variety of national, regional and local organizations. To learn more, visit www.communitymatters.cibc.com.

Founded in Canada in 1986, Canadian Feed The Children is an independent, registered Canadian charity that works with local partners in Canada and around the world to reduce the impact of poverty on children and enhance the well-being of children and the self-sufficiency of their families and communities.

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