



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**What:** Photo Opportunity/News Story

**Who:** WaterCan/EauVive

Dave Smith, Philanthropist  
Ottawa's Diplomatic Community

**When:** 5:00 p.m. Tuesday August 26, 2008

**Where:** Billings Estate, 2100 Cabot Street, Ottawa

### WaterCan Recognizes Support of Ottawa's Diplomatic Community in Raising nearly One Million Dollars

OTTAWA, ON –**WaterCan**, in partnership with Ottawa's preeminent philanthropist Dave Smith, hosts the first ever **Great Canadian Summer Barbecue and Picnic** this **Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at Billings Estate**.

The exclusive event is held in recognition of the Ottawa Diplomatic Community's ongoing support of WaterCan's **Embassy Dinner**—one of Ottawa's premier annual social events. Through the gracious assistance of Ottawa's Diplomatic Community, which prepares the evening's magnificent international dishes, this gala fundraiser has raised nearly one million dollars in support of WaterCan's projects in eastern Africa.

*The Great Canadian Summer Barbecue and Picnic* is an opportunity for WaterCan to recognize and honour the gracious contributions and ongoing support that Ottawa's International Mission's have shown WaterCan over the past 14 years. Through their assistance WaterCan's Embassy Dinner has been met with overwhelming success year and after year, and has thereby raised enough money to improve the lives of more than 40,000 people in the developing world through the provision of clean water.

Gary Pluim, Executive Director of WaterCan recognizes this as an important moment to "say thank you to the Ambassadors, their families and Mission staff as well as local volunteers through a truly traditional Canadian barbecue and picnic."

**WaterCan** is a Canadian charity dedicated to ending poverty by helping the world's poorest people gain access to clean water, basic sanitation and hygiene education.

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