

CRAIG KIELBURGER HONOURED WITH THE ORDER OF CANADA

At 25 years old, Kielburger is one of the youngest to receive this award

Toronto, April. 11, 2008 -- Craig Kielburger, 25, founder of Free The Children, is the second youngest member to be invested into the Order of Canada. Selected for his social service and contributions to Canada, Craig has been actively involved in domestic and international social justice issues since the age of 12. Held at a special ceremony in Ottawa this morning, Kielburger was awarded the Order of Canada by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada.

This recognition for lifetime achievement only provides further motivation for Kielburger to continue his work to provide equal opportunities to children around the world and encourage young people to take action in fighting social issues. "I am honoured and humbled to be accepted into the Order of Canada," said Kielburger. "Such recognition demonstrates Canada's belief in the impact that young people can make on the world, and will serve as added inspiration in our pursuit of achieving universal human rights."

Michelle Douglas, president of Free The Children's Canadian Board of Directors, is proud of Kielburger's appointment to the Order of Canada for his work with the children's charity. "Craig's commitment and passion for the work he does is a testament to the incredible changes today's young people are making in their local communities and all over the world. To have Canada recognize Craig's achievements thus far is an incredible honour that will fuel many more future successes."

Craig Kielburger is the founder of Free The Children, the world's largest network of children helping children through education, and the co-founder of Leaders Today, a renowned leadership training organization. Under Craig's leadership Free The Children has impacted more than one million youth through innovative education and development programs in 45 countries. Internationally, the organization has built more than 500 schools, providing daily education to more than 50,000 children. For more information, visit www.freethechildren.com.

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