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Stressed High School Students Anticipate Successful “SOS Exam-AIDs”

WATERLOO, Ont.: High school students in the Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge region eagerly await Laurier SOS' arrival. On January 18, Laurier SOS (Students Offering Support) launches their highly anticipated new project; Exam-AIDs specifically designed for grade 11 and 12 students.

Over the past four years, Laurier SOS has developed and perfected 'Exam-AID' group review initiatives for university students across the country. These initiatives have raised students' marks and money for development projects worldwide. To date, SOS has tutored thousands of undergraduates nationwide and based on demand, is ready to introduce Exam-AIDs to 21 high schools in time for the upcoming exam period.

“Grade 12 is a stressful time for students, especially when faced with university applications,” said Olesya Komashko, President, Laurier SOS. “My colleagues and I were in this position not too long ago and we're sympathetic to the amount of pressure these students are under. By introducing the students to SOS, we are emphasizing the idea that they can study and improve their grades to ensure future personal success, while making a difference at the same time.”

For the upcoming January exams, SOS is offering 6 different math and science courses and is estimating between 300 and 500 students will be helped. The money raised from these sessions will continue to fund SOS's annual educational development project, this year it is in a rural community in Peru. This project will be built by SOS volunteers in August 2008.

About SOS Exam-AID for High School Students

For \$30, students attend a three hour SOS Exam-AID review session, instructed by highly qualified and enthusiastic university students. All tutors demonstrate academic excellence and possess excellent teaching qualities ideal for high school students. Students are guided through the required course material and given the opportunity to ask questions. Following the review session, students receive a take-home package with additional questions and answers for studying purposes. These sessions are using Ontario's standardized curriculum which enables all high school students in the region to attend.

About Laurier SOS

In 2004, Laurier SOS began at Wilfrid Laurier University as a student association. The initiative continues to grow and since its inception, SOS has tutored over 3000 Laurier undergraduate students and raised over \$160,000 for developmental projects in Kenya, Belize, Honduras, and Jamaica.

In September 2007, Students Offering Support launched as a national charitable association and supports the development of 10 SOS university chapters.

For more information about Laurier SOS, visit out www.lauriersos.com.