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University of Winnipeg Assists Students Affected by Hurricane Katrina

WINNIPEG—The University of Winnipeg is reaching out to students affected by last week's devastating Hurricane Katrina.

Effectively immediately, the University will:

- waive tuition fees for students in need
- facilitate registering affected students in courses related to their area of study
- link affected students with health and counselling services
- help make housing arrangements for students in need
- offer information technology support to assist a university and/or college in the affected area

On the ground in the US South, The University of Winnipeg is supporting our student efforts. Geoffrey Young, a UWinnipeg student and News Director of 95.9 FM CKUW our University radio station, and colleague William Waites are on their way to the affected area to help establish communications links (the University has made an initial contribution of \$500 to support this student effort).

The announcement was made by President Lloyd Axworthy at the University's OmniTRAX/Broe QUEST: War-Affected Children conference taking place on campus today and all day Saturday, September 10, 2005.

Dr. Axworthy and other key conference speakers will be available to speak to the media TODAY at 12:15 p.m. in Riddell Hall Atrium about the Hurricane Katrina announcement and QUEST.

Located in the heart of downtown, The University of Winnipeg is a compact, diverse, multicultural academic community committed to access and excellence. Ranked by our graduates in Maclean's magazine University Graduate Survey (November 15, 2004) in the Top Ten of all Canadian universities when asked about their "Entire Educational Experience." UWinnipeg is home to more than 8,700 full- and part-time students.

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