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SUBJECT: Book launch event – BENT HOPE, by Tim Huff

DATE: Thursday, April 10, 2008

TIME: 1:30pm guest reception, 2pm to 3pm program

LOCATION: The Diesel Playhouse, 56 Blue Jays Way, downtown Toronto, Canada

YOUTH UNLIMITED – in conjunction with Castle Quay Books and Maranatha Foundation
CELEBRATE THE LAUNCH OF AUTHOR TIM HUFF'S 'BENT HOPE: A STREET JOURNAL'.

On the afternoon of Thursday, April 10, 2008, the Diesel Playhouse in downtown Toronto will be filled to capacity to celebrate the official launch of Bent Hope: A Street Journal, authored by Tim Huff, Director of Light Patrol and Homelessness Initiatives for Youth Unlimited. The launch will take place at the Diesel Playhouse, located at 56 Blue Jays Way, from 2:00 – 3:00 pm, with a guest reception beginning at 1:30 pm.

Published by Castle Quay Books, Bent Hope is Mr. Huff's second book, the first being the best-selling children's book The Cardboard Shack Beneath the Bridge, written and illustrated by Mr. Huff. (Foreword by The Honourable Hilary M. Weston.)

Youth Unlimited, Castle Quay Books, and Maranatha Foundation are inviting selected media, government officials, and special friends and supporters to help formally launch this book. The launch will include a brief presentation on the work of Youth Unlimited and its Light Patrol street outreach program, select readings from Bent Hope, and music from Juno Award winning singer/songwriter Steve Bell. Among the event readers will be internationally renowned First Nations speaker and musician, Cheryl Bear.

For over 60 years, Youth Unlimited has been bringing hope, truth, and compassionate care to young people from all walks of life regardless of race, faith, economic level or cultural background. Tim has served full-time with Youth Unlimited since 1987. Having pioneered Frontlines Youth Centre in the north-west end of Toronto, and working among the "hidden homeless" in the city's downtown core since 1991, in 2001 Tim developed, and became the Director of, Youth Unlimited's Light Patrol street outreach. It is out of this context that the stories of Bent Hope have evolved. Tim is also a member of StreetLevel: The National Roundtable on Poverty and Homelessness, sits on the Board of Directors for the Daily Bread Food Bank, and speaks and teaches across North America on issues of social justice, compassion, and domestic poverty.

Mr. Huff will be available for pre-arranged media interviews on the morning of April 10 and all other media inquiries immediately following the book launch.

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For more information on BENT HOPE or its author, visit: www.signpostvillage.com/timhuff.

