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**LAURENTIAN BANK DONATES \$55,000 TO FOUR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
THANKS TO ITS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS**

Montreal, August 3, 2005 –Laurentian Bank of Canada is proud to announce that through its Commercial Financial Services Annual Golf Tournaments \$55,000 was raised for four non-profit organizations i.e. the *Fondation Portage*, the *MIRA Foundation*, *Enfance à petits pas* and *Unity for Autism*. The regional editions of the Golf tournaments took place in Montreal at the Club de golf de Rosemère, in Quebec at the Club de golf Mont-Tourbillon in Lac Beauport, and in Toronto at Glencairn Golf Club.

"We are very satisfied with the level of participation. In total, more than 500 clients, business partners and employees came over for a day of fun and to show their support for the organizations renowned for the excellence of their work and intervention," stated André Scott, Executive Vice-President, Commercial Financial Services at Laurentian Bank.

All the funds raised during the event were shared between the following four charities:

- The *Fondation Portage* – Offers treatment services and facilities to adolescent and adult substance abusers, and to drug-addicted women with small children in order to help them return to drug-free life.
- The *MIRA Foundation* – Pursues the goal to bring greater autonomy to people with disabilities and to promote their social integration by providing them with dogs fully trained to meet their specific needs.
- *Enfance à petits pas* – Offers help and assistance to children age 12 and younger who have to deal with great psychological stress.
- *Unity for Autism* – Provides support to people living with autism and to the families of children affected by this disorder.

The Laurentian Bank Commercial Financial Services offers a wide variety of financial products and services for small and medium-sized businesses, real estate developers and farm operators. The business sector counts close to 200 employees who put all their energy into designing tailored business solutions provided to their clients through a network of 19 commercial banking centres across Quebec and 11 in the rest of Canada.

Founded in 1846, Laurentian Bank ranks seventh among Canadian Schedule I banks, with assets in excess of \$16 billion and close to \$15 billion in assets under management. The Bank offers highly competitive products and superior personalized service to meet the banking and financial needs of individuals, small and medium-sized businesses and independent financial advisors. The Bank's common shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (ticker symbol: LB). The address of the Bank's website is www.laurentianbank.ca.

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