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Play SCRABBLE® this summer Raise money for literacy

Frontier College offers those who love SCRABBLE® the opportunity to [play your favourite game](#) and raise money for Frontier College literacy programs all summer long.

You can get out the SCRABBLE® board, invite friends and family to your home, cottage or backyard and compete to see who can spell the best word and also who can [raise the most money](#) for Frontier College literacy programs.



Choose a date, challenge friends and family to a game and ask them to make a donation of \$50, \$100, \$500 or more.

- | \$50 distributes 25 books to children at Frontier College Reading Tents.
- | \$100 distributes 50 books to participants in Aboriginal Summer Literacy Camps.
- | \$500 helps recruit and train a tutor who will help a Frontier College learner this summer.

Register your SCRABBLE® party at www.scrabblenightincanada.ca or by calling 1-800-555-6523, ext. 335.

WIN A HASBRO GIFT BASKET. REGISTER AND HOLD A SCRABBLE® PARTY BETWEEN JULY 1 AND AUGUST 31, 2008 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAW.

CIBC Mellon invests in the future through literacy

[Frontier College Homework Clubs](#) make a difference for children and youth. The Falstaff community in north-western Toronto is home to thousands of low-income families and newcomers to Canada. For many children living in this area, school and homework are a daily struggle, one they are not winning.



[Frontier College](#) and CIBC Mellon have been working together to level the playing field by bringing one-to-one tutoring to struggling students aged 10-14 in a Frontier College Homework Club. Volunteer tutors give the learners help with their homework, explain difficult concepts and provide individual support based on the child's needs.

Tutors and learners work together.

This support and attention helps the children improve their reading and writing skills, enhances their self-confidence and gives them the tools they need to succeed in school. As one volunteer tutor says,

"The biggest change is that learners are focusing on their work... and the learners actually want to do their homework."

We know that succeeding in school gives children the skills and confidence they need to build a bright future for themselves. We want to thank CIBC Mellon for supporting literacy today so that children and youth will have the skills they need to build better futures for themselves.

Students
shine at
Beat the

Street's graduation

On June 20, 2008, sixteen youth made an important step towards transforming their lives.

That's the day they graduated from Frontier College's award winning [Beat the Street](#) program. This program offers out-of-school or at-risk youth the opportunity to improve their literacy skills and take courses towards achieving their high school equivalency certificate or their Microsoft Office Specialist Certification.



Roberta Livermore poses with her certificate, and instructor Rosita Bacchus

Armed with stronger literacy skills, a high school diploma and computer skills, these students are now equipped to build better lives for themselves – continuing on to college or finding a better job.

James Everett, winner of the Patricia MacNeill award, is clear on the impact the program has had on his life.

"I never picked up books before because I could never really learn to read or write and I'd get frustrated with it," he said. "I have kids, and as they grew up I knew it was time to improve my literacy skills for me and for them."

Everett said he wants to be able to read to his children and help them with their homework. His own family was unable to help him when he was a child because - as is often the case - his parents also had difficulty reading.

While enhancing his own skills, Everett has also boosted his self-confidence.

"I didn't want to always have to tell my kids 'Go ask your mother' when they needed help," he said. "I didn't want to be the dumb one in the family. I feel really proud to be able to make these changes."

Beat the Street makes a difference every day for young people in the Lawrence Heights and Jane-Finch communities in Toronto. Frontier College's Beat the Street is devoted to providing young adults with the skills they need to have a second chance at a bright future.

For more information on Frontier College's Beat the Street, [click here](#).

Make a planned gift in support of literacy

Frontier College is pleased to offer you the opportunity to make a donation of securities, life insurance, property or a bequest. Your gift will make a lasting difference in the lives of children, youth and adults by supporting free Frontier College literacy programs in communities across Canada.

For more information about making a planned gift to Frontier College, please contact [Judy Tohe](#) at 416-923-3591, ext. 311 (1-800-555-6523).

Help our kids read this summer

For thousands of children in poor neighbourhoods across Canada, reading this



Story time at a Frontier College Reading Tent

summer will be difficult – there is only ONE book for every 300 children.

This means the children won't be able to practice their reading skills over the summer, and will have even more difficulty when they return to school in the fall.

[You can help](#). Your gift of \$50, \$100 or \$500 will provide access to books and learning support for these children and youth.

Please [make a donation today](#) and help Frontier College spread the life-changing power of literacy across Canada.

Literacy changes lives. [Support](#) Frontier College literacy programs today. Help children, youth and adults across Canada improve their literacy skills.

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