

Canada Games Alumni Celebrated in Vancouver

(March 1, 2010) Ottawa – Canada Games Alumni achieved great success in Vancouver. Canada Games alumni contributed to 16 of the 26 medals won, representing 61% of medals won in Vancouver.

43% of the Canada Games alumni representing Team Canada stood on the podium at the Vancouver Olympics. In total, 34 of the 79 Canada Games Alumni returned from the Vancouver Olympics with one or more medals around their necks.

“The Canada Games are proud of Canada’s Olympic team and their results in Vancouver,” says Tom Quinn, Chairman of the Canada Games Council. “We watched every second of these home-based Olympic Games and cheered every athlete on, but we are especially proud of our alumni who graduated from the Canada Games and went on to such great success.”

As the Vancouver Games end with the most medals ever won by Team Canada, 26 in total (14 gold), it is remarkable to reflect on the Canada Games alumni success.

The only Canadian multiple medalists of the Games were Canada Games alumni. Two-time 2010 medalist **Kristina Groves**, was a team Ontario athlete at the 1995 Canada Games. **Charles Hamelin** (2003) won the men's short-track 500-metre final and then the 5,000m relay along with teammates, brother François and fellow alumni **Olivier Jean** (2003) & **François-Louis Tremblay** (1999). **François-Louis Tremblay** captured his fourth and fifth career medals at the 2010 Games. Hamelin’s girlfriend, **Marianne St-Gelais**, who competed at the 2007 Canada Games in Whitehorse for team Quebec, won a silver in the Ladies 500m and the 3000m relay.

Shelley Ann Brown (1991), who competed at the Canada Games in athletics, won silver in bobsleigh and became one of the first black Canadian women ever to win a medal at a Winter Games. Canada-1 brakeman in women’s bobsleigh **Heather Moyse** (1997, 2001) won Canada’s first-ever gold in the event. Moyse, this past summer, acted as a key-note speaker to the Opening Ceremonies crowd at the 2009 Canada Summer Games.

81% of the gold-medal winning women’s hockey team members, including captain **Hayley Wickenheiser** (1991), were Canada Games alumni including two members who recently competed at the Whitehorse Games. Celebrated Olympian **Sidney Crosby**, who scored the over-time goal to clinch the gold, competed for Team Nova Scotia at the 2003 Canada Games in Bathurst-Campbellton.

“We are thrilled that the Canada Games have played a part in the development of these house-hold names,” says Sue Hylland, President and CEO of the Canada Games Council. “As we continue to build champions at the upcoming 2011 Winter Games in Halifax Nova Scotia and the 2013 Summer Games in Sherbrooke Quebec, we look forward to tracking future Olympic success as well.”

The Canada Games congratulate and celebrate the achievements of the entire Olympic team and look forward to the Paralympic Games and the excitement that these Games at home will mean.

Please find following a complete list of Canada Games alumni Olympic medalists:

Name	Medal	Olympic Sport	Canada Games Year	Canada Games Sport
1. <u>MOYSE Heather</u>	Gold	<u>Bobsleigh</u>	1997 & 2001	Athletics
2. <u>BROWN Shelley-Ann</u>	Silver	<u>Bobsleigh</u>	2001	Athletics

3. <u>KENNEDY Marc</u>	Gold	<u>Curling</u>	1999	<u>Curling</u>
4. <u>HEIL Jenn</u>	Silver	<u>Freestyle Skiing</u>	1999	<u>Freestyle Moguls</u>
5. <u>CROSBY Sidney</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	2003	<u>Hockey</u>
6. <u>MARLEAU Patrick</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	1995	<u>Hockey</u>
7. <u>PRONGER Chris</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	1991	<u>Hockey</u>
8. <u>AGOSTA Meghan</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	2003	<u>Hockey</u>
9. <u>BOTTERILL Jennifer</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	1995	<u>Ringette</u>
10. <u>HEFFORD Jayna</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	1995	<u>Hockey</u>
11. <u>IRWIN Haley</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	2003	<u>Hockey</u>
12. <u>JOHNSTON Rebecca</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	2007	<u>Hockey</u>
13. <u>KINGSBURY Gina</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	1995	<u>Hockey</u>
14. <u>LABONTÉ Charline</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	1999	<u>Hockey</u>
15. <u>MACLEOD Carla</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	1999	<u>Hockey</u>
16. <u>MIKKELSON Meaghan</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	2003	<u>Hockey</u>
17. <u>OUELLETTE Caroline</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	1995	<u>Hockey</u>
18. <u>PIPER Cherie</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	1999	<u>Hockey</u>
19. <u>SOSTORICS Colleen</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	1995	<u>Hockey</u>
20. <u>ST-PIERRE Kim</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	1997	<u>Hockey</u>
21. <u>VAILLANCOURT Sarah</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	2003	<u>Hockey</u>
22. <u>WARD Catherine</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	2003	<u>Hockey</u>
23. <u>WICKENHEISER Hayley</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	1991	<u>Hockey</u>
24. <u>POULIN-NADEAU Marie-Philip</u>	Gold	<u>Hockey</u>	2007	<u>Hockey</u>
25. <u>GIROUX Mathieu</u>	Gold	<u>Speed Skating</u>	2003	<u>Speed Skating</u>
26. <u>JEAN Olivier</u>	Gold	<u>Speed Skating</u>	2003	<u>Speed Skating</u>
27. <u>MAKOWSKY Lucas</u>	Gold	<u>Speed Skating</u>	2003	<u>Speed Skating</u>
28. <u>NESBITT Christine</u>	Gold	<u>Speed Skating</u>	1999 & 2003	<u>Speed Skating</u>
29. <u>GROVES Kristina</u>	Silver	<u>Speed Skating</u>	1995	<u>Speed Skating</u>
30. <u>GROVES Kristina</u>	Bronze	<u>Speed Skating</u>	1995	<u>Speed Skating</u>
31. <u>HUGHES Clara</u>	Bronze	<u>Speed Skating</u>	1991	<u>Speed Skating</u>
32. <u>HAMELIN Charles</u>	Gold	<u>Short Track</u>	2003	<u>Speed Skating</u>
33. <u>HAMELIN Charles</u>	Gold	<u>Short Track</u>	2003	<u>Speed Skating</u>
34. <u>TREMBLAY François-Louis</u>	Bronze	<u>Short Track</u>	1999	<u>Speed Skating</u>
35. <u>TREMBLAY François-Louis</u>	Gold	<u>Short Track</u>	1999	<u>Speed Skating</u>
36. <u>ST-GELAIS Marianne</u>	Silver	<u>Short Track</u>	2007	<u>Speed Skating</u>
37. <u>ST-GELAIS Marianne</u>	Silver	<u>Short Track</u>	2007	<u>Speed Skating</u>
38. <u>GREGG Jessica</u>	Silver	<u>Short Track</u>	2003	<u>Speed Skating</u>