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Peace and Conflict Studies students prepare to host popular Ten Thousand Villages sale

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON November 8, 2013) Sault College's Peace and Conflict Studies Program is once again bringing the world to Sault Ste. Marie through a Ten Thousand Villages sale. On Friday November 15th and Saturday November 16th, students will invest in the lives of artisans from around the world by selling exquisite handcrafted gifts and jewelry, home décor, tapestries and clothing in Essar Hall's front foyer of the College. The community is invited to learn more about skilled artisans in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and invest in their world by shopping Fair Trade.

"By holding this sale, we're giving customers in the Algoma district a chance to buy unique products while helping people in developing countries meet basic needs for themselves and their families," notes Patricia Golesic, Peace and Conflict Studies faculty member and sale organizer. "We were overwhelmed by the support last year and anticipate more products for this year's event as well as a larger crowd of supporters."

All proceeds of the sale support artisans partnered with Ten Thousand Villages, the oldest and largest Fair Trade Organization in North America. In addition, 10% of all proceeds go directly to support the WUSC student refugee program at Sault College.

There is no admission fee to shop at the gift sale and the dates and hours of the sale are as follows: Friday, November 15th 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 16th 8:00 a.m. –

3:00 p.m. For more information on the Sault College Ten Thousand Villages gift sale, please contact Patricia Golesic at peaceandconflictstudies@saultcollege.ca or at 705-759-2554 ext. 2436.

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About Peace and Conflict Studies Program at Sault College

Peace and Conflict Studies is a two-year diploma program. This one-of-a-kind interdisciplinary program emphasizes peace relations through understanding, education and action. This program is premised on a holistic conceptualization of peace that is aligned with the ideas expressed in the United Nations Declaration and Program of Action on a Culture of Peace and encompasses the work and perspectives of peace researches over the last several decades. Themes of human rights, positive communication skills, social justice, personal wellness, holistic thinking, environmental well-being, cultural diversity and solidarity, conflict transformation, violence prevention and mitigation are integral to this two-year diploma.

About Student Refugee Program

For most refugees, there are few or no opportunities to continue post-secondary education. Since 1978, WUSC's Student Refugee Program (SRP) has helped address this shortage by enabling student refugees to pursue their studies at Canadian universities and colleges. From countries of origin as diverse as Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia, Rwanda, Burundi, Sudan, Burma and Afghanistan, most have successfully completed their studies and are now active Canadian Citizens making valuable contributions to their communities. Others have returned to their home countries and are contributing as nation builders or active community members.

About Ten Thousand Villages

Through a network of 47 stores, as well as through hundreds of Festival Sales and E-shopping, Ten Thousand Villages Canada sells artisan-crafted personal accessories, home decor and gift items from around the globe. Ten Thousand Villages create opportunities for artisans in developing countries to earn income by bringing their products and stories to our markets through long-term, fair trading relationships. Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit program of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), the relief and development agency of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America. Ten Thousand Villages has its roots in the work begun by Edna Ruth Byler in 1946. Ten Thousand Villages is a member of the World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO), a coalition of handicraft and agricultural producer organizations, and Fair Trade organizations from both the North and the South. For more information, please visit our website: www.TenThousandVillages.ca.

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