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**This summer leave the cottage and volunteer abroad with  
Degrassi: The Next Generation**

**Toronto, ON (February 16, 2010)** – Today it was revealed that Me to We Trips, an international youth volunteer travel organization, has joined forces with cast members from Degrassi: The Next Generation to facilitate volunteerism trips to the rural province of Chimborazo, Ecuador and Rajasthan, a northern province in India. Youth from across North America will explore the world around them while realizing their potential to make change on a global scale alongside Degrassi cast members: Dalmar Abuzeid “Danny”, Scott Paterson “Johnny”, Sarah Barrable-Tishauer “Liberty” and Evan Williams “Kelly”.

“We’re thrilled Degrassi is joining our Me to We Trips team this summer. Over the years cast members have participated in a number of our trips and to now have them help lead them is truly special” said, Janice Sousa, Executive Director, Me to We Trips. “Our participants will have a chance to learn first-hand what it’s like to make a difference on a global scale lead by a dynamic group of leaders who really want to change the world. I believe this unique trip will be a life-changing experience for all participants.”

“I had an opportunity to go on a Me to We Trip to Ecuador in 2007 – it was epic! Getting to see the rich culture, traveling to a new part of the world, AND getting to make a difference in the lives of the people there, was so much more than I could expect from any other trip I’ve been on,” said Evan Williams. “I felt useful. I felt like I was hooked in to some greater movement among the young people today to take responsibility for the state of the world, and I found awakened in myself, a real desire to be part of the new wave of change. I’m excited to have the privilege of leading others through a similar experience.”

While in Ecuador travelers will have a chance to learn about the rich culture, history and soak up the natural beauty in the Chimborazo province. During the trip youth will visit the development projects of international children’s charity, Free The Children, help build a school for children without access to education, spend time in the local community volunteering, participate in global leadership workshops, learn Spanish and spend time hiking through the Andes Mountains alongside local guides.

Participants can also travel with cast members from Degrassi to exotic India. India is considered one of the most diverse countries in the world. Participants have the chance to travel through the winding roads and hills from Udaipur to one of our rural partner communities in the province of Rajasthan. During the trip individuals will explore ancient traditions, meet local community members, visit Free The Children’s development projects, participate in a school building project, take part in group discussions around social issues and explore ancient ruins.

The trip to India will take place from July 21 to August 9, 2010 and will be facilitated by Sarah and Evan, along side the Me to We Trips staff, and Dalmar and Scott will lead the trip to Ecuador from August 10 – 28, 2010.

To learn more about these truly unique trip experiences, please visit <http://www.metowe.com/trips/degrassi/> or call toll-free at 1.877.METOWE1.

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**Me to We Trips**

Me to We Trips opens a world of learning and adventure. Travel to fascinating places, become immersed in new cultures and explore social and environmental issues. Volunteer alongside local communities, develop friendships, and support community development in places like Kenya, Ecuador, India, China or Arizona-Mexico. With year-round volunteer and leadership trips for youth, Me to We Trips also offers customized experiences for schools, families and corporate groups.

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