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2008 Faces of Hope Miracle Children A Lesson in Courage and Determination

Montréal, August 19, 2008 – We have a lot to learn from the unique stories of each of these **Faces of Hope Miracle Children**. “By telling the stories of these 12 courageous little heroes who overcame fear and suffering, **Faces of Hope** offers a positive perspective,” says Martyne Huot, founder of the Réseau Familles d’aujourd’hui and the instigator of this project. “Their stories provide lessons for each of us and encourage us to refocus on fundamental values.”

Having overcome severe challenges to go on living with courage and determination, their exceptional lives are now immortalized in words and pictures in a book, calendar and greeting cards. Thanks to the **Faces of Hope** project, these items are sold to raise funds for various children’s causes endorsed by Céline Dion, including the Sainte-Justine University Hospital Centre, the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children and UNICEF.

The Young Heroes Fund

In addition, to ensure all proceeds go to children, a special Young Heroes fund was created to help cover the \$578,000 cost of bringing the children to Montreal and the other expenses associated with this large-scale undertaking. Thanks to the generous donations of more than 65 Québec-based businesses, the organizers can declare, “mission accomplished.”

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Available for interviews and photos:

Mario “Junior” Lemire, Canadian hero, ambassador for **Faces of Hope**

Martyne Huot, Instigator of the **Faces of Hope** project

Nathalie Racine, President of the Young Heroes Fund

The authors of the book *12 héros parmi nous*

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