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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **OTTAWA DRAGON BOAT FOUNDATION GRANTS THE CAN-GO AFAR FOUNDATION FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS**

OTTAWA – The Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation (ODBF) will be providing the Can-Go Afar Foundation five-thousand dollars at the Can-Go Afar 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fundraising Event. This cultural evening takes place on the evening of Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Monterey Inn Resort & Conference Centre.

“While the Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation raises more than \$300,000 annually for *local charities*, we were more than thrilled to help the Afar people of Africa build a better future for their people”, said Jennifer Mackiddie, ODBF Coordinator.

The funds provided by the ODBF will help the Can-Go Afar Foundation with their many projects in Ethiopia. The Can-Go Afar projects include a water filtration project and primary education for orphaned and vulnerable children in a boarding school. It also provides post-secondary education bursaries for Afar students and delivers emergency aid to refugees and internally displaced Afar people.

#### **About Ottawa Dragon Boat Race Foundation**

In 1998, a charitable component was added to the Ottawa Dragon Boat Race Festival raising funds for local charities on an annual basis. The Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation was established in 2003 to help focus and grow the level of community support. As of 2009 \$1,800,000 has been raised through the annual Pledge Challenge and those funds have benefited over 26 Ottawa area charities.

#### **About Can-Go-Afar Foundation**

Can-Go Afar Foundation is a Canadian humanitarian organization dedicated to empowering the Afar people in the Horn of Africa to build a better future. Can-Go Afar works closely with the Afar community in Canada, as well as local NGOs in Ethiopia, raising funds and advocating for the Afar people.