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AROUND THE WORLD, CANADIANS SHARE CANADA DAY SPIRIT

Canadians around the world will be observing our country's 125th birthday in original and thoughtful ways.

"Canadians abroad will join their fellow citizens at home in sharing the spirit of Canada Day and demonstrating Canadian goodwill around the world on this special birthday," noted the Honourable Barbara McDougall, Secretary of State for External Affairs.

In Kingston, Jamaica, the Canadian High Commission, Canadian non-governmental organizations, private firms and Canadian volunteers will be helping 37 Jamaican children housed in "Walker's Place of Safety," a shelter for victims of parental abuse. Plans include activities for the children, as well as renovations to the shelter. Donations of cash, clothing, toys, school supplies and other essential items have come from members of the Canadian diplomatic community and its locally engaged staff.

At Expo 92 in Seville, Spain, the Canada Pavilion has adopted a disadvantaged Seville school. Children from the school will join in Canada Day celebrations with Mrs. McDougall, who will be attending the special ceremonies at Expo 92 on July 1. The Canada Pavilion is also working closely with the school on fundraising projects.

The Canadian High Commission in Harare, Zimbabwe is making a donation to drought relief in that country on behalf of the Canadian community. In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the High Commission recently staged a special welcome for Vietnamese refugees on a flight en route to Canada.

The Minister indicated that these are only a few examples of initiatives taken by our diplomatic corps to observe Canada's 125th anniversary.

A list of selected activities is attached.

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