

Smoke free art – a rewarding experience for an NWT student!

YELLOWKNIFE (August 14, 2006) – Members of the media are invited to attend a photo opportunity with Premier Joe Handley, the Minister of Health and Social Services, Michael Miltenberger, and Russell Giroux, the winner of the senior Visual Arts category of the territorial *Create the Smoke Free Future* contest.

The contest is part of the *Don't Be a Butthead* campaign, which originated in 2004 as an initiative of the Department of Health and Social Services, and has been educating youth across the north on the importance of staying smoke free.

Russell's drawing, "Smoking Kills", was the People's Choice and the Judges' Choice in the recent *Create the Smoke Free Future* contest. Part of Russell's prize is having the opportunity to develop his idea and his talent by working with professional artist, Dawn Oman. Russell will be working with Dawn in her studio from August 16th to 18th, giving him the chance to see how she lives and works as an artist.

Where: Dawn Oman's Studio - 4911-47th Street

When: Thursday August 17, 2006 at 11:00am

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