

## **ABEBOOKS EMPLOYEE TO WITNESS FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY ON TRIP TO AFRICA**

(Victoria, BC – 16 April 2009) Megan Hamlet, a 30-year-old customer support representative at AbeBooks.com, will make a 15,000-kilometre journey from Victoria, BC, to east Africa in July to learn how the Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AKFC) is tackling global poverty.

Megan will witness development programs in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda on the week-long trip that will deepen her understanding of how Canadian resources help African communities transform their lives and livelihoods.

On her return, Megan will use her knowledge to raise awareness about the Aga Khan Foundation Canada (a registered charity) and encourage participation in its annual World Partnership Walk. Megan is funding the trip herself through a variety of initiatives. Her co-workers at AbeBooks.com have also been raising money on her behalf since the start of 2009.

AbeBooks.com will support the World Partnership Walk for the third successive year with a team of employees participating in the 31 May event in Victoria's Beacon Hill Park. Now in its 25th year, the Walk takes place in nine cities across Canada. All funds go directly to international development programs. Not a cent is spent on administration.

"This is a very special opportunity for me," said Megan. "I'm going to see development programs in action and I expect to learn so much. I'm grateful for the support of my friends in Victoria and to the Aga Khan Foundation Canada."

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### **About the World Partnership Walk:**

The World Partnership Walk is Canada's largest annual event dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds to fight global poverty. Now in its 25th year, the Walk is organized by volunteers in nine cities across the country and attracts tens of thousands of Canadians united in a common effort to bring hope and renewal to some of the poorest communities in the world. Last year nearly 40,000 participants came together across Canada to raise \$5.5 million in support of international development. Visit <http://www.worldpartnershipwalk.com/>

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