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MEDIA ALERT: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE APRIL 1, 2008

GARFIELD, SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS FIND COMMON GROUND EXCHANGING 'COMPASSION' BOXES

WHAT:

Seattle and visiting South African students exchange handmade 'compassion' boxes filled with symbols of compassion including drawings, writings, poems and other handmade items. The exchange is part of a learning curriculum hosted by **Bridges to Understanding** to create greater understanding, kindness and compassion between youth of different cultures throughout the world. After the student exchange on April 9, the boxes will be presented to His Holiness the Dalai Lama during **Seeds of Compassion's** Children and Youth Day on April 14.

WHO:

Local and international students and mentors including:

- Ninth grade students from Garfield High School and **Hector Peterson Secondary School**, located near Capetown, South Africa in the informal settlement of Wallacedene in Kraaifontein, a township populated by mostly Xhosa people, and dedicated to teaching working skills, ethics, peace and international understanding.
- **Bridges to Understanding**, the Seattle-based nonprofit organization engages students worldwide in direct, interactive learning and storytelling to build cross-cultural understanding.

WHEN:

Wednesday, April 9, 12:20-2:15 p.m.

WHERE:

Garfield High School Auditorium
4400 Interlake Ave N
Seattle, WA 98103

WHY:

To nurture greater cultural understanding, closeness and compassion among youth from different countries through opportunities for face-to-face collaboration and exploration of shared values.

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