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**Visions 18th Annual Science Symposium 2009
Unlocking the Creative Minds of our Children and Youth**

TORONTO, April 21 —Visions of Science Network for Learning (VoSNL) present our **18th Annual Visions Science Symposium Saturday May 9, 2009** at the University of Toronto's Medical Science Building, 1 King's College Circle, from 11a.m. – 5p.m.

Each year Visions seeks out and establish new relationship / partnerships with other science based organizations / groups to bring the best in science programming to families who attend our yearly symposium. This year we would like to welcome: Ryerson University, Elephant Thoughts, SciTech Ontario, Adventures in Science, Technovation Robotics and others listed on our website.

VoSNL in partnership with **SciTech Ontario** will host and showcase the **1st Innovation Expo** which will give participants the opportunity to create an innovative idea, solution or invention during the workshop presentation. In addition to the Innovation Expo, VoSNL will continue to feature a number of workshops and exhibits featuring inventors, innovators and science adepts demonstrating the numerous ways science impacts our daily lives.

Visions 2009 is free family-friendly event is also proud to be a part of the **2nd Annual Science Rendezvous** hosted at numerous locations across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and plays host to some of the most cutting-edge science and technology research in the world.

Some of the featured guests include: Dr. Naweed Syed, University of Calgary, presenting Brain Machine Interface: From Six Million Dollar Man to Cyborg; Dr. Francis Amara, University of Manitoba, presenting Nurturing Inner City Youth in a High Tech Lab; and Author Mr. Keith Holmes, showcasing Black Inventors, Crafting Over 200 Years of Success & Inventors Forum.

Other featured presentations include, USA Recording Artist/Rapper, Freddie Will invites us to a "Science Jam" when he presents, "Mixing the Chemistry of Music: Why I Chose Science" and come out and see the Elephant Thoughts Science Show "Tapping the Fuse: An Explosion of Science".

"Visions of Science believe that it's important for all youth to have an opportunity to explore their greatest potential and it's our responsibility as their role models to

ensure they see the endless possibility that is their world.” says Francis Jeffers, Visions of Science’s Executive Director. “Our goal and mission has always been to show young people that a career in science and technology is a goal they can achieve and to provide the role models and images for them to see and emulate.”

With a tradition of creating dynamic learning opportunities, events, programs, and workshops focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, Visions of Science will continue to educate their community at the 18th annual science symposium

Founded in 1991, VoSNL is a Toronto based non-profit educational organization aiming to promote science and technology in Black, African-Canadian, Caribbean and Multicultural communities.

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