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As a supporter of the United Nations Association of Canada (UNA-Canada), you may be aware that its President & CEO, Kathryn “Kate” White, has decided to retire after 17 years at the helm. She has built upon her experiences with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) the predecessor to UN Women, and her concurrent service as Chair of the World Federation of United Nations Associations to give vibrancy and purpose to her tenure.

In particular, she has been an advocate for youth understanding and engagement in the goals of the United Nations and Canada's role within the United Nations. She led the creation of national programs such as the Canada Green Corps which has successfully placed over 1,000 talented youth into meaningful “green” careers through partnerships with innovative employers across Canada. She has been an advocate for accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals across our country and the planet. She has challenged accepted paradigms, encouraged critical thinking and brought to the table those not always represented.

In recognition of her legacy, as well as the inspiration she has provided as a role model for others who care about important international challenges, an internship at the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations will be inaugurated in her name. We also wish to establish a dedicated fund to be used to facilitate opportunities, for young Canadians, especially those who have often been excluded, to engage with the UN and to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals - and the principles established in the UN Charter.

We would be grateful for your financial contribution to support this objective. The fund will be established through a Community Foundation mechanism, with the United Nations Association in Canada as the charitable beneficiary, enhancing its mandate to grow global citizens - aligned to your own environment, social and governance commitments. We hope that you will consider giving generously.
Please help us recognize the legacy of this great Canadian. We know we will continue to be summoned to action by Ms. White in her future pursuits.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions. Please contact James Lee, Director of Development james.lee@unac.org. Thank you for your support of Canadian global citizenship.

Yours sincerely,

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