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Volunteer MBC Rolls Out the Red Carpet to Recognize Volunteers in V-Oscar Style

April 28, 2017 –**Volunteer MBC** along with community service organization members, supporters and friends gathered together to celebrate exemplary volunteers in the community at Volunteer MBC's gala - **The V-Oscars**. This was the seventh year that Volunteer MBC rolled out the red carpet to recognize the achievements of volunteers and volunteer engagement professionals in the Peel region.

The event was held on Thursday, April 27, at the Sagan Banquet Hall & Convention Centre in Mississauga. **Hazel McCallion, C.M** delivered the keynote speech that was applauded by over **300** guests. The guests included Hon Laura Albanese, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Mayor Allan Thompson from the Town of Caledon, Mayor Linda Jeffrey from the City of Brampton and many other dignitaries. During The V-Oscars, **14 recipients** received awards in different categories, additionally over **40** Volunteer Galaxy Stars were honored at the gala.

Those recognized were as follows:

- Lois Rice, recipient of Hazel McCallion Power of Giving Award.
- Donna Madill (Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel), recipient of the John Huether Award for Volunteering Excellence.
- Shelley White (Community Door Services Network), recipient of the Bonnie Yagar Award for Community Engagement Leadership.
- Antoinette Allen (Supportive Housing In Peel), recipient of the Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award.
- Susha Das (Volunteer MBC), recipient of the Newcomer Gem Volunteer Award.
- Grace Barakat (Community Living Mississauga), recipient of the Leader of Tomorrow Award.
- Frank Scrivo (Victorian Order of Nurses) recipient of the Helping Hands Award – Mississauga.
- Manjot Sunner (Bethell Hospice), recipient of the Helping Hands Award – Brampton.
- Madeleine Adams (Caledon Community Services), recipient of the Helping Hands Award – Caledon.
- Kelly Towsley (Caledon Community Services), recipient of the Leader in Volunteer Engagement Award.
- Scotiabank - Bolton (Bethell Hospice Foundation), recipient of the Corporate Volunteer Engagement Award – Caledon Community.
- Scotiabank - Brampton Main (Volunteer MBC), recipient of the Corporate Volunteer Engagement Award – Brampton Community.
- Royal Bank of Canada, recipient of the Corporate Volunteer Engagement Award – Mississauga Community.
- Step-up Youth Volunteer Ambassadors (SUYVA), recipient of the ChangeTheWorld Recognition Award.

“Volunteers are the backbone of every community service organization and we set out to create a very special evening to honor and celebrate these incredible volunteers in Peel and the organizations where they spend so much of their time helping to realize their respective missions” said Carine Strong, Volunteer

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MBC's Executive Director. "On behalf of our entire team at Volunteer MBC, we extend congratulations to all of the amazing volunteers. We would also like to thank our generous sponsors and donors; we could not have done this without their incredible support."

Keynote speaker, Hazel McCallion, C.M. shared her personal thoughts about volunteerism and the impact volunteerism has on building the Peel community. Guests enjoyed entertainment provided by vocalist Michelle Madeira and Heart Lake Secondary School Single Reed Society.

Volunteer MBC would like to take this opportunity to thank the **Title Sponsors** – Maritime Ontario; **Gold Sponsors** - Pallett Valo LLP, The Co-operators and Brampton Brick; **Silver Sponsors** - Mayor Allan Thompson (Caledon) and Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis (Caledon) and Multi-level Leadership Consulting; **Bronze Sponsors** - Garden Foods, the Region of Peel, the Rotary Club of Brampton, the Rotary Club of Palgrave, the Rotary Club of Mississauga, the Scognamillo Family, Toronto West KOA, and Arno Ilic.

About Volunteer MBC

Volunteer MBC is a volunteer centre serving the cities of Mississauga and Brampton, and the Town of Caledon. The centre strives to be a strong voice to support and promote volunteerism. The core services by the centre are offered in four key areas of connecting and collaborating, active participation, recognition, and education and learning within the Peel Region. The centre is a one stop shop that offers a referral and matching service connecting anyone who wants to volunteer with a volunteer opportunity and serves the corporate community with various programming services that engage individual and team volunteering and via our Learning Centre we provide a wide range of education and learning opportunities for community service organizations, volunteers and board directors. Volunteer MBC welcomes speaking and outreach opportunities to promote the value and benefits of volunteerism and the voluntary sector throughout the Region of Peel. For more information about Volunteer MBC, to access their on-line volunteer opportunities database, and to find more details on the Centre's four convenient locations in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon, visit www.volunteermbc.org.

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