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MEDIA ADVISORY

Volunteer MBC to Celebrate International Volunteer Day at Annual Holiday Open House

November 22, 2016 – Brampton, ON – On Wednesday, December 7, Volunteer MBC invites the Region of Peel community to celebrate International Volunteer Day (IVD) at their annual Holiday Open House.

International Volunteer Day celebrates the efforts of those who have made an important contribution to society through service to others. Volunteer MBC's mission is to promote and support volunteerism in an effort to connect all people to meaningful volunteer opportunities, so it is only fitting to recognize the impact that volunteers make during the organization's Open House.

This annual event also provides an opportunity for the Peel community to meet Volunteer MBC's staff, Board Directors and internal volunteers and learn more about the programs and services available through their local Volunteer Centre.

Guests will enjoy light refreshments, treats and specialties from cuisines around the world and entertainment by local youth. A silent auction will also be held offering a variety of gifts available for purchase with proceeds supporting Volunteer MBC's programs and services.

Residents of the cities of Mississauga and Brampton, the Town of Caledon, as well as members of the media, are invited to attend Volunteer MBC's International Volunteer Day Celebration and Annual Holiday Open House.

Date/Time:

- Wednesday, December 7, 2016
- 5:00PM to 8:00PM – Meet-and-greet & Silent Auction opens
 - 5:30 – 5:45 PM – Welcome, introduction of special guests, entertainment
 - 6:30 - 6:45 PM - Speeches
 - 7:30 – 7:45 PM – Thank you speech to volunteers, photo opportunity

Location:

- Volunteer MBC - Brampton, c/o Community Door, 7700 Hurontario Street, Unit 601, Brampton, ON L6Y 4M3

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Attendees/Dignitaries:

- Carine Strong, Executive Director, Volunteer MBC (*confirmed*);
- Volunteer MBC Staff, Board Directors and Volunteers (*confirmed*);
- Representatives from many of Volunteer MBC's member community service organizations (*invited*).
- Members of regional and local council (*invited*); *Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis (Confirmed), Regional Councillor Johanna Downey (Confirmed), Regional Councillor Martin Madeiros (Confirmed)*
- Members of federal and provincial constituencies (*invited*).

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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