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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Volunteer MBC to Recognize Volunteers At The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards Gala-The V-Oscars**

**April 10, 2017 – Brampton, ON** – Volunteer MBC, the local Volunteer Centre serving Peel region (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon), is pleased to invite community service organization members, volunteers and friends to celebrate and recognize volunteers at their 2nd Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards Gala, The V-Oscars 2017. This year, we are honored to announce **Hazel McCallion, C.M.**, as our keynote speaker. The event will be held at **Sagan Convention Centre and Banquet Hall** on Thursday, April 27, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Every year for the past seven years, Volunteer MBC has recognized exceptional volunteers in the community through our Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards Program.

Volunteer MBC's Volunteer Recognition Awards Program provides the opportunity to place the spotlight on individuals who give their time and their exemplary efforts, as well as to recognize volunteer engagement professionals and organizations who actively engage volunteers to assist with the delivery of their programs and services.

The event is held during National Volunteer Week (NVW), and for 2017 this week-long celebration will be held from April 23 to 29. There will be Nine Awards presented during the event.

#### **Location:**

Sagan Convention Centre and Banquet Hall, 7180 Edwards Blvd, Mississauga, ON L5S 1Z1

#### **Date/Time:**

- Thursday, April 27, 2017
- 6:00PM to 10:00PM

#### **Attendees/Dignitaries:**

- Hazel McCallion, CM (*Keynote Speaker Confirmed*);
- Minister Laura Albanese, MCI (*Confirmed after 7:30pm*)
- Mayor Allan Thompson, Town of Caledon (*Confirmed*)
- Mayor Bonnie Crombie, *City of Mississauga (Unconfirmed)*
- Mayor Linda Jeffries, City of Brampton (*Unconfirmed*)
- Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis, Town of Caledon (*Confirmed*)
- Regional Councillor Johanna Downey, Town of Caledon (*Confirmed*)
- Councillor Gurpreet Dhillon, City of Brampton (*Confirmed*)
- Chief Jennifer Evans, Peel Regional Police (*Guest appearance, Confirmed*)



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- Jake Dheer, Volunteer MBC Board President (*Emcee, Confirmed*)
- Carine Strong, Executive Director, Volunteer MBC (*Confirmed*)
- Volunteer MBC Board Directors, Peel service providers, volunteers, staff (*Confirmed*)

#### **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](http://www.volunteermbc.org).

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