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National Volunteer Week Proclaimed in Brampton & Caledon

April 5, 2013 – Brampton, ON – On Wednesday, March 27, volunteers representing Volunteer MBC and the YMCA of Greater Toronto attended the City of Brampton’s council meeting to accept the Proclamation for National Volunteer Week. **National Volunteer Week is a time to recognize and celebrate the incredible efforts of volunteers all across Canada. It takes place April 21 to 27, 2013.**

“Having volunteers from Peel accept this proclamation from the Mayor of Brampton, helps to connect the impact that their contributions have on the community beyond the borders of the organizations that they volunteer with,” said Faiza Kanji, General Manager, Volunteer Development, at YMCA of Greater Toronto. “For council members, it also helps to put a face to just a few of the 12.5 million Canadian volunteers who give their time to help others.”

Sukhjit Singh, a volunteer ambassador for Volunteer MBC, and Sonia Dheer, a volunteer with the YMCA of Greater Toronto, accepted the Proclamation from Brampton’s Mayor Susan Fennell. The Proclamation reads: “12.5 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing 2.1 billion volunteer hours per year; and Volunteers in Brampton mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for charitable organizations.” It also reads: “Volunteering is one of the best ways to show citizenship in action.”

Proclamation was also announced on Tuesday, April 2 in council at the Town of Caledon. Carine Strong, Executive Director of Volunteer MBC noted, “We are very honoured to accept both the City of Brampton’s and the Town of Caledon’s Proclamation for National Volunteer Week. Volunteers provide an essential service to many of the community organizations that require their support.” Ms. Strong further noted, “We, along with the City of Brampton, the Town of Caledon, the YMCA of Greater Toronto, and our entire community would like to express our profound appreciation for everything that volunteers do to make our community a healthy environment where people truly care for each other.”

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Volunteer MBC is a volunteer centre serving the cities of Mississauga and Brampton, and the Town of Caledon. The centre offers a referral and matching service for volunteer placement within the community for all ages through one-on-one consultation and an on-line volunteer opportunities database. They also provide education and support for volunteers and community service agencies and organizations, and serve the corporate community with various programming services that engage individual and team volunteering. Additionally, the centre strives to be a strong voice to support and promote volunteerism.

For more information about Volunteer MBC, to access their on-line volunteer opportunities database, and to find more details on the centre's three convenient locations in Mississauga, Brampton or Caledon, visit www.volunteermbc.org.

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Photo Caption: (From left to right) City Councillor Vicky Dhillon (Brampton - Wards 9 & 10), Sonia Dheer, a volunteer representing the YMCA of Greater Toronto, and Sukhjot Singh, a volunteer representing Volunteer MBC.

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