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National Volunteer Week Proclaimed in Brampton & Caledon

April 11, 2014 – Brampton, ON – On Wednesday, March 26, Volunteer MBC along with the Recreation & Culture department at the City of Brampton attended a 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 and takes place April 6 to 12, 2014.**

Ramneek Kaur, a member of Volunteer MBC's Step Up Youth Volunteer Ambassador Committee, and Carine Strong, Executive Director of Volunteer MBC, were in attendance to accept the Proclamation which reads: "Whereas 13.3 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."

"National Volunteer week is a celebration of all the valuable contributions that volunteers make in our communities," said Ms. Kaur. "Whether it is sports, recreation, the arts or civic engagement – volunteers are the backbone of every society. Volunteer MBC is the local volunteer centre that continues to empower individuals and connect them to their community through positive change and it is a great honour receiving this proclamation on their behalf."

Proclamation was also announced on Tuesday, April 1 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, 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. 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 and Caledon, visit www.volunteermbc.org.

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Photo Caption: (From left to right) Volunteer from the Rose Theatre, Cecily Restivo Petroff of the City of Brampton, Ramneek Kaur & Carine Strong of Volunteer MBC, Paul Palleschi - Regional Councillor of Wards 2 & 6 (Brampton), and Eugene Wilson of the City of Brampton.

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