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## **Volunteer MBC Announces New Mississauga Centre and Expansion of Team**

**February 23, 2012 – Brampton/Mississauga, ON** –Volunteer MBC is pleased to officially announce that it has opened its doors to a new location in Mississauga. The Volunteer MBC - Mississauga Centre is located at 151 City Centre Drive, Suite 501 inside the offices of Family Services of Peel on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor near Hurontario Street and Burnhamthorpe Road West.

“Previously our Mississauga Centre was over by the airport area, but it was somewhat difficult for individuals to come by to receive consultation to help them find volunteer roles in the community,” stated Carine Strong, Executive Director of Volunteer MBC. “Our goal is to have a physical presence in each of the communities we serve, so both our Brampton and Mississauga Centres are now centrally located so that individuals can easily visit us to find out more about our services and how we are here to help.”

The Volunteer MBC – Mississauga Centre is conveniently located across from the Square One Shopping Centre on the corner of City Centre Drive and Kariya Gate and offers free parking on-site, as well as easy access to public transportation. The Mississauga Centre is open Monday through Friday from 9:30AM to 12Noon.

“I am delighted that Volunteer MBC has a new centrally-located Mississauga Centre that will provide easy access for volunteers and others,” stated Bonnie Yagar, Volunteer MBC’s Board President. The centre’s Vice President, Gurpreet Malhotra, further added, “I’m thrilled that Volunteer MBC has opened their new location in Mississauga, and I understand that we are already building wonderful synergies with Family Services of Peel and many of the other closely located organizations who are in the same building and surrounding area”.

To support the continued growth of Volunteer MBC’s referral and matching service for volunteer placements, the centre is also pleased to announce two new hires to their team. Shaminda Perera joined the centre in late 2011 as the Referral Specialist at the Brampton Centre bringing over 7 years of experience as a training and development professional to his role. Heading up the Mississauga Centre is Madhuri Payidiparty, who is the Office and Referral Coordinator, and had previously volunteered at the centre since September 2010. She brings to her role her vast experience in customer service.

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Both locations offer one-on-one consultation, by appointment only, to assist individuals with finding a suitable volunteer opportunity in the Peel Region. To schedule an appointment at either location, please call 905.238.2622 or send an email to [2volunteer@volunteermbc.org](mailto:2volunteer@volunteermbc.org).

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 and to access their on-line volunteer opportunities database, visit [www.volunteermbc.org](http://www.volunteermbc.org).

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Photo Caption:

Carine Strong, Executive Director of Volunteer MBC, (left) and Madhuri Payidiparty, Referral and Office Coordinator, (right) cutting the ribbon to officially open the doors of the new location of the Volunteer MBC – Mississauga Centre.

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