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**Volunteer MBC and Sheridan College
Host 2nd Volunteer Fair**

March 22, 2010 – Mississauga, ON – Volunteer MBC and Sheridan College's Student Services at the Davis Campus in Brampton are pleased to be hosting a volunteer fair on Tuesday, March 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for students, faculty, and staff, and for local community residents. It is the second volunteer fair that the volunteer centre and the Student Services have co-ordinated together and provides the opportunity for attendees to meet face-to-face with non-profit community service organizations who serve the Region of Peel. Attendees will be able to gain a better understanding of the programs and services that are available in the community and to learn more about volunteering at these organizations.

Tomorrow's volunteer fair will be held at the Sheridan College's Davis Campus at 7899 McLaughlin Road (McLaughlin Road and Steeles Avenue) and is free for anyone to attend, however, parking is extra. On campus, the fair will be located on the first and lower level of the B-wing (main entrance), and on the main floor of the H-Wing, which is the Centre for Healthy Communities the campus' newest addition.

There will be 30 community service organizations at the volunteer fair to include the Arthritis Society of Halton-Peel Region, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel, Breakfast for Kids, Caledon Community Services, City of Brampton Community Services, Centre for Education and Training, City of Mississauga Recreation and Parks, Junior Achievement of Central Ontario, Peel HIV/AIDS Network, Sierra Club Peel, St. John Ambulance – Mississauga Branch, and others. The fair has been made available to Volunteer MBC agency members and is one of many outreach efforts that the volunteer centre engages in across the Region of Peel.

"We are very pleased to be hosting our second volunteer fair in partnership with Sheridan College's Student Services for our agency members," stated Sharon Clark-Koufis, Marketing & Communications Manager for Volunteer MBC. "The fair will provide students with the opportunity to meet a wide variety of not-for-profit organizations that require volunteers to assist with the delivery of their programs, services and daily operations, as well as to learn more about our volunteer centre and how we are here to help."

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“Sheridan and the Student Leadership/Student Services, along with Volunteer MBC, are excited to bring this opportunity to our students again,” stated Joe Henry, M.Ed., Manager Disability Services and Student Leadership at Sheridan. Leisha Sladden-Atkinson, Sheridan’s Coordinator - Student Leadership and Engagement, also added, “We believe strongly in the power of the voluntary sector in Peel and look forward to students building strong connections with member agencies so to grow and develop their skills.”

“This volunteer fair is just one many opportunities that is available for our agency members to reach out to the community,” stated Carine Strong, Executive Director of Volunteer MBC. “In addition to posting volunteer opportunities on our on-line volunteer database, our volunteer centre has a strong focus of being involved in on-going community outreach so we can continue to promote volunteerism and the agency members that we support.”

Agency membership information can be found on-line at www.volunteermbc.org. Also on-line is Volunteer MBC’s on-line searchable database of volunteer opportunities at <http://peel.cioc.ca/volunteer>, which is only available to agency members of Volunteer MBC to post on. Prospective volunteers can conduct detailed searches based on their interests and availability, as well as to apply directly on-line for opportunities that they are interested in. Volunteers can also create a profile to save their searches for future reference.

Volunteer MBC is a volunteer centre serving the cities of Mississauga and Brampton, and the Town of Caledon. The centre offers a referral service for volunteer placement within the community for all ages to include youth, seniors, newcomers and groups. They also serve the corporate community with various programming services that engage team volunteering. Additionally, the centre provides education and support for volunteers and community service agencies and organizations through topic and issue related workshops, comprehensive and informative programs, and community outreach.

Volunteer MBC is located at 2601 Matheson Blvd. E., Unit #43 in Mississauga, with satellite locations planned for the future in Brampton and Caledon. For more information about Volunteer MBC visit www.volunteermbc.org, or call 905.238.2622, or send an email to info@volunteermbc.org.

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