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Volunteer MBC Rolls Out the Red Carpet to Recognize Volunteers

May 5, 2016 – Brampton, ON – Each year during National Volunteer Week (April 10 to 16), Volunteer MBC along with community service organization members, supporters and friends gather together to celebrate exemplary volunteers in the community. This year, Volunteer MBC rolled out the red carpet at their Inaugural “*The V-Oscars Gala*”.

The event was held on Tuesday, April 12 at the Sagan Banquet Hall & Convention Centre in Mississauga, where over 240 guests, attended Volunteer MBC’s 6th Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards Event to recognize 14 award recipients and over 50 Volunteer Stars.

Those recognized were as follows:

- **Jake Dheer** (Community Living Mississauga), recipient of the John Huether Award for Volunteering Excellence;
- **Kulvir Gill** (Seva Food Bank), recipient of the Bonnie Yagar Award for Community Engagement Leadership;
- **Lion Robert Emond** (Mississauga Cooksville Lions Club), recipient of the Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award;
- **The Late Allan Ridley** (City of Mississauga Older Adult Centre), recipient of the Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award;
- **Kathrin Mack** (Caledon Community Services), recipient of the Newcomer Gem Volunteer Award;
- **Ghaid Asfour** (Safe City Mississauga), recipient of the Leader of Tomorrow Award;
- **Christina Kemper** (Caledon Community Services), recipient of the Helping Hands Recognition Certificate;
- **Jannie Le** (Volunteer MBC), recipient of the Helping Hands Recognition Certificate;
- **Jeanne Page** (Victorian Order of Nurses) recipient of the Helping Hands Recognition Certificate;
- **Jerome Friday** (The BRIDGE), recipient of the Leader in Volunteer Engagement Award;
- **Scotiabank – Orangeville** (Bethell Hospice Foundation), recipient of the Corporate Volunteer Engagement Award – Caledon Community;
- **Amdocs NAM Division** (Volunteer MBC), recipient of the Corporate Volunteer Engagement Award – Caledon Community;
- **Tanisha Jain**, recipient of the ChangeTheWorld Recognition Award – Individual Category; and
- **St. Edmund Catholic Secondary School**, recipient of the ChangeTheWorld Recognition Award – School Category.

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“Volunteers are the unsung heroes in our community,” said Arno Ilic, Volunteer MBC’s Board President. “This year we transitioned our annual event into a Gala, which has enabled us to really put the spotlight on exceptional individuals who give their time and talents to support local community service organizations.”

“We set out to create a very special evening to honor and celebrate the incredible volunteers in Peel and the organizations where they spend so much of their time, but we could not have done this without the incredible support from our generous sponsors and donors,” said Carine Strong, Volunteer MBC’s Executive Director. “On behalf of our entire team at Volunteer MBC, we extend congratulations to all of the amazing volunteers who make magic happen every day in our community. It is through their selfless dedication that many of the much-needed programs and services in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon can be provided.”

Keynote speaker, Janet Menard, Deputy Ontario Minister for the Ministry of Community & Social Services, brought greetings and shared her personal thoughts about volunteerism and the impact of Volunteer MBC’s programs and services as having been one of the founding Steering Committee members when the centre first opened its doors in 2008. *The V-Oscars Gala* was emceed by Jake Dheer, Senior Manager at Rogers Media Inc. and Volunteer MBC’s Board Vice President, who was also a recipient of the John Huether Award for Volunteering Excellence.

Guests enjoyed entertainment provided by vocalist Eli Jacob, and the St. Roch Catholic Secondary School Jam Club. A silent auction also featured a wide variety of items. A very special thanks goes to Volunteer MBC’s Events Committee and Awards Judging Committee, as well as all of the silent auction sponsors and guests who attended the event. The event raised \$20,000 which will help to support Volunteer MBC’s community outreach services.

Volunteer MBC would like to take this opportunity to thank the **Event Sponsors** - Sagan Banquet Hall & Convention Centre, Scotiabank - Orangeville, The Award Store; **Gold Sponsor** - Pallett Valo LLP; **Silver Sponsors** - Charity Republic, Maritime-Ontario, Mayor Allan Thompson (Caledon), and the Rotary Club of Mississauga; **Bronze Sponsors** - Garden Foods, the Region of Peel, the Rotary Club of Brampton, the Rotary Club of Palgrave, the Scognamillo Family, Toronto West KOA, and the United Way of Peel Region; **Galaxy Sponsors** - Arno Ilic, Bob & Carine Strong, CARP – Brampton, Foodland Caledon East, George Ormsby CA, Geraldine Aguiar, Harpreet Signh Dhillon, Karen Marciano of Chase Paymentech, KKP North York, Laila & Liam Campos, Laurel L. Stultz CPA, CGA, Lions Leny & Gordon Dick, Marina Campos, Pharmasave - Caledon East, and Sherri Picard of Tan on the Run; and **Media Sponsor** - Rogers TV Peel.

Special guests included Mayor Linda Jeffrey (Brampton); City Councillor, Jeff Bowman (Brampton Wards 3 & 4); Regional Councillor, Martin Medeiros Brampton Wards 3 & 4); Councillor Ron Starr (Mississauga Ward 6); and Councillor Matt Mahoney (Mississauga Ward 8). Greetings were also received by The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada; Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; Michael Chan, Ontario Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade; Mayor Allan Thompson (Caledon); and Councillor Pat Saito (Mississauga – Ward 9).

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About Volunteer MBC:

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 Referral System, and to find more details on the centre's four convenient locations in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon, visit www.volunteermbc.org.

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This year's recipients of Volunteer MBC's Volunteer Recognition Awards Program.*

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