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**Volunteer MBC Acknowledges
International Volunteer Managers Day**

November 5, 2013 – Brampton, ON – Today, on Tuesday, November 5th, Volunteer MBC is pleased to acknowledge International Volunteer Managers Day. This celebration is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and leadership that volunteer engagement professionals bring to their role.

International Volunteer Managers day was founded and observed for the first time in 1999. Over the years the day has grown to now receive support by volunteer involving agencies and organizations – both large and small – from all around the world.

Volunteering does not take place in isolation. Behind each and every volunteer there is someone who takes on the responsibility of coordinating, supporting, training and recruiting the volunteer so that it not only fulfills a specific need that the organization may have, but that it also fulfills the personal objectives that a volunteer has and helps to fulfil the reason behind why they give of themselves. Volunteer MBC, the local volunteer centre serving the Region of Peel, provides a direct link in helping volunteer engagement professionals find individuals to fill their organization's needs through the centre's on-line volunteer opportunities database and their referral/matching service. The centre also provides education and training to support the volunteer engagement profession.

Quote from Carine Strong, Executive Director, Volunteer MBC:

"Today we extend our thanks to volunteer engagement professionals for doing all that they do to make volunteers feel special and for their outstanding ability to engage volunteers in various roles within their organizations. It is through the support, leadership and dedication of volunteer engagement professionals that individuals can find true meaning in volunteering. They guide volunteers towards using their talents and skills sets in helping others, and provide appreciation and recognition for the volunteers' contribution – so it's only fitting that today we express our appreciation and provide recognition to volunteer engagement professionals for the profound impact that they make to their profession and to the voluntary sector."

Quote from Manon Germain, Network Manager, Ontario Volunteer Centre Network (OVCN):

"Let us celebrate, recognize and acknowledge skilled volunteer management professionals who are the connecting link to volunteer services which uphold the non-profit sector. Their passion, determination and knowledge are the pillars of society, and the cornerstone for building a stronger Ontario!"

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Quote from Kathleen Douglass, President, Professional Administrators of Volunteer Resources - Ontario (PAVR-O):

“International Volunteer Managers Day is an opportunity to recognize the professionals whose work builds and strengthens volunteerism in our communities. Through their efforts, volunteers and volunteer-involving organizations help more people and do more good work. Volunteerism isn’t something that just happens – it requires attention, effort and care. Volunteer Engagement professionals provide this.”

Quote from Tammy Rideout, Chair, Peel Volunteer Administrators’ Network (PVAN):

“International Volunteer Managers day recognizes the leaders of volunteer engagement the world over. This global profession supports and encourages people to personally contribute to making our world a better place. Every person is a leader; we all influence one or more people. We don’t get to choose if we will lead, we only get to choose HOW we will lead. Without question these professionals are leaders possessing a wealth of knowledge, expertise and professionalism. They continually connect and inspire with an innumerable number of individuals and are worthy of being applauded for their passion and commitment.”

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.

Other links:

- Ontario Volunteer Centre Network (OVCN): www.ovcn.ca
- Professional Administrators of Volunteer Resources - Ontario (PAVR-O): www.pavro.on.ca
- Peel Volunteer Administrators’ Network (PVAN): www.pvan.ca

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