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MEDIA ADVISORY

Volunteer MBC to Celebrate International Volunteer Day at Annual Holiday Open House

November 26, 2015 – Brampton, ON – On Wednesday, December 2 from 4PM to 7PM, Volunteer MBC will be celebrating International Volunteer Day (IVD) at their Annual Holiday Open House.

International Volunteer Day (which is officially held each year on December 5) is a day that celebrates the efforts of those who have made an important contribution to society by giving their time as volunteers. Volunteer MBC's mission is to promote and support volunteerism in an effort to connect all people to meaningful volunteer opportunities, so it is only fitting to celebrate volunteers and to recognize the impact that they make in the community during the centre's Annual Holiday Open House.

The event will also provide the opportunity to meet the centre's staff and to learn more about the programs and services that are available through the local Volunteer Centre serving the Region of Peel (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon). Guests can also start their holiday shopping early by participating in a Silent Auction with proceeds supporting Volunteer MBC and the work they do to support volunteerism.

Last year, Volunteer MBC's International Volunteer Day Celebration & Annual Holiday Open House welcomed close to 200 guests from all across the Region of Peel, including dignitaries and special guests. Invitations have been extended, once again, to the entire community including the Mayor's office, local MP/MPPs and others to join in celebrating International Volunteer Day with the Volunteer MBC team.

Residents of the cities of Mississauga and Brampton, the Town of Caledon, as well as members of the media, are invited to attend Volunteer MBC's International Volunteer Day Celebration and Annual Holiday Open House.

Location:

- Volunteer MBC - Brampton, c/o Community Door, 7700 Hurontario Street, Unit 601, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Brampton, ON L6Y 4M3

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Date/Time:

- Wednesday, December 2, 2015
- 4:00PM to 7:00PM
 - 4:00PM to 5:45PM – Meet-and-greet & Silent Auction opens
 - 5:45PM to 6:00PM – Speeches & Presentation
 - Welcome Address
 - Acknowledgement of Special Guests
 - Volunteer Recognition
 - Launch of Volunteer MBC's Holiday Giving Campaign
 - 6:00PM to 7:00PM – Meet-and-greet & close of Silent Auction at 6:30PM
 - 7:00PM – End of Event

Attendees/Dignitaries:

- Carine Strong, Executive Director, Volunteer MBC (*confirmed*);
- Volunteer MBC Staff and Volunteers (*confirmed*);
- Representatives from close to 200 community service organizations, who are members of Volunteer MBC (*invited*);
- Members of local and regional council (*invited*);
 - Johanna Downey, Regional Councillor for Ward 2, Town of Caledon (*confirmed*)
 - Martin Medeiros, Regional Councillor for Wards 3 and 4, City of Brampton (*confirmed*)
- Members of provincial and federal constituencies (*invited*).

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 three convenient locations in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon, visit www.volunteermbc.org.

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For more information about this event and media inquiries, please contact:

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