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MEDIA ADVISORY

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

November 26, 2014 – Brampton, ON – On Friday, December 5, Volunteer MBC invites the Region of Peel community to celebrate International Volunteer Day (IVD) at their Annual Holiday Open House.

International Volunteer Day 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 during the Centre's Open House.

This year's event will take on the theme of "*Show Us YOU Care*" and will provide the opportunity to celebrate the incredible efforts of volunteers across the Region of Peel, to meet the Centre's staff, as well as to learn more about the programs and services that are available through the local Volunteer Centre. A silent auction will also be held offering a variety of gifts available for purchase with proceeds supporting Volunteer MBC's programs and services. The event will also feature Andrew "Drew" Lie, a local guitarist, who will be playing at the Open House. Guests will also enjoy light refreshments, treats and specialties from cuisines around the world.

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.

Date/Time:

- Friday, December 5, 2014
- 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

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Location:

- Volunteer MBC - Brampton, c/o Community Door, 7700 Hurontario Street, Unit 601, Brampton, ON L6Y 4M3
 - Note: Silent Auction will be held in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, the meet-and-greet will be held down the hall at Volunteer MBC

Attendees/Dignitaries:

- Carine Strong, Executive Director, Volunteer MBC (*confirmed*);
- Volunteer MBC Staff and Volunteers (*confirmed*);
- Representatives from over 185 community service organizations, who are members of Volunteer MBC (*invited*);
- Members of regional and local council (*invited*);
- Members of federal and provincial 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 opportunities database, 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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