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Volunteer MBC and Sheridan College Host Agency Volunteer Fair

October 6, 2009 – Mississauga, ON – Students at Sheridan College's Davis Campus in Brampton will have the opportunity on Thursday, October 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to gain an in-depth understanding and to meet face-to-face with non-profit community service organizations during an Agency Volunteer Fair. The fair will be held at 7899 McLaughlin Road and is hosted and co-ordinated in partnership by Volunteer MBC and Sheridan College's Career Centre.

Exhibitors who are participating at the fair are agency members of Volunteer MBC, a volunteer centre that has been created to foster and develop volunteerism in the Region of Peel, serving the cities of Mississauga and Brampton, and the Town of Caledon, by raising awareness of the power of service. It is expected that over 20 exhibitors will participate to include Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel, Caledon Community Services, Distress Centre Peel, Heart House Hospice, Peel HIV/AIDS Network, the Peel Multicultural Council, the Riverwood Conservancy, Youth Exchange and others.

"We are very pleased to be hosting our first, of many, volunteer fairs 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 who require volunteers to assist with their programs, services and daily operations, as well as to learn more about our centre and how we are here to help."

The fair will be located on the first and lower level in the B-wing at the Davis Campus, which is also referred to as the Main Hall. Between 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. information sessions will be held every 15 minutes in room B214B (just down the hall from the fair). Volunteer MBC's Program Manager, Adriane Beaudry, will provide an introduction to the centre and the programs and services that are available. In addition, select agencies will also participate in the information sessions to promote their programs and services.

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“Sheridan and the Student Leadership/The Career Center, along with Volunteer MBC, are excited to bring this opportunity to our students,” 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 they grow and develop their skills.”

“This fair is in-line with our strategic goals of promoting volunteerism and connecting potential volunteers with organizations that are heavily dependent and rely on volunteers,” noted Carine Strong, Executive Director of Volunteer MBC. “It is one of the many benefits that our agency members receive when they join our centre and we are very pleased about our partnership with Sheridan College”.

Agency membership information can be found on-line at www.volunteermbc.org. Also on-line, Volunteer MBC will be launching shortly an easy-to-use, searchable database of volunteer opportunities that are available through their agency members.

Volunteer MBC is located at 2601 Matheson Blvd. E., Unit #43 in Mississauga, with satellite locations planned in the future. For more information on Volunteer MBC contact 905.238.2622 or info@volunteermbc.org.

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