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**Caledon Agencies Host
Community Forum**

September 22, 2010 – Mississauga, ON – Residents of the Town of Caledon are invited to attend a public forum that will specifically address the services that make Caledon a great community to live and work. Invitations have also been extended to all Town of Caledon Council candidates so that they can share their perspectives and ideas on how to support Caledon's Health and Social Services to ensure a healthy community where people care for each other and feel safe in an environment that promotes growth, diversity and respect.

The Caledon Health and Social Services Community Forum will be held on Monday, September 27, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, 6215 Old Church Road in Caledon East (just behind the OPP station) and will be hosted by Volunteer MBC (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon), Caledon Community Services, Caledon Meals on Wheels, Caledon Parent-Child Centre, and Family Transition Place.

"We felt it was important for us to participate in this forum so our volunteer centre can continue to provide support and services to the organizations and residents in the community," said Carine Strong, Executive Director of Volunteer MBC. "Many of these organizations rely heavily on volunteers to maintain their day-to-day operations and we need to ensure that Council will continue to support volunteerism and to consider it to be a much-needed service for the Town of Caledon."

Volunteer MBC is a volunteer centre serving the cities of Mississauga and Brampton, and the Town of Caledon and offers a referral service for volunteer placement within the community for all ages to include youth, seniors, newcomers and groups. They also serve the corporate community with various programming services that engage team volunteering. Additionally, the centre provides education and support for volunteers and community service agencies and organizations through topic and issue related workshops, comprehensive and informative programs, and community outreach.

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The centre is currently located at 2601 Matheson Blvd. E., Unit #43 in Mississauga, with satellite locations planned for Brampton and Caledon in the near future. For more information about Volunteer MBC, and to access their on-line volunteer opportunities database, visit www.volunteermbc.org.

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