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**Sheridan College and Volunteer MBC  
Host 3rd Volunteer Fair in Brampton**

**September 29, 2010 – Mississauga, ON** –Sheridan College's Student Services at the Davis Campus in Brampton and Volunteer MBC, the local volunteer centre, together are pleased to be hosting a volunteer fair on Wednesday, October 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sheridan students, faculty and staff, as well as the local area community are invited to attend. It is the third volunteer fair that Student Services and the volunteer centre have hosted together and provides the opportunity for attendees to meet face-to-face with not-for-profit community service organizations who serve the Region of Peel. Attendees will be able to gain a better understanding of the programs and services that are available in the community and to learn more about volunteering at these organizations.

The volunteer fair will be held at the Sheridan College's Davis Campus at 7899 McLaughlin Road (McLaughlin Road and Steeles Avenue) and is free for anyone to attend, however, parking is extra. On campus the fair will be located on the first and lower level of the B-wing (main entrance), and on the main floor of the H-Wing (bus zone area).

There will be close to 30 community service organizations at the volunteer fair to include Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel; the Canadian Cancer Society - Brampton/Caledon/Georgetown/Dufferin County Unit; the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Catholic Crosscultural Services; the Distress Centre Peel; Dixie-Bloor Neighbourhood Centre; Epilepsy Halton Peel; Evergreen; Habitat for Humanity – Brampton; the Lighthouse Program for Grieving Children; Knights Table; the Mississauga Food Bank; the Newcomer Information Centre; Peel Children's Aid Society; the Peel HIV/AIDS Network; the Peel Multicultural Council; the Region of Peel's Children's Services and Health Services Departments; Salvation Army Mississauga Community & Family Services; Skills for Employment, Life & Family; Sri Lankan - Canadian Community Services; St. John Ambulance - Mississauga Branch; St. Leonard's Place Peel; the United Way of Peel Region; the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Peel; Vita Centre; Youth Assisting Youth; and Youth Exchange. Volunteer MBC will also have a display and be available to speak to attendees about volunteering in the Region of Peel.

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“We are once again very excited to be partnering with Student Services to bring our member agencies to the college for attendees to explore volunteering and placement opportunities,” stated Sharon Clark-Koufis, Marketing & Communications Manager for Volunteer MBC. “The fair will also provide the opportunity for faculty, staff and the local community to come out to the event to learn more about the programs and services that are available in the Peel Region, and to find out more about our volunteer centre and how we are here to help.”

“Sheridan and the Student Leadership/Student Services, along with Volunteer MBC, are excited to bring this opportunity to our students again,” stated Joe Henry, M.Ed., Manager Accessible Learning and Student Development at Sheridan. “The past two volunteer fairs have been very successful in helping to bring community agencies directly on campus, giving our students the opportunity to connect with them on a more personal level. We expect this fair to generate just as much interest, while continuing to build those strong connections between students and community agencies.”

“This volunteer fair is just one many opportunities that is available for our agency members to reach out to the community,” stated Carine Strong, Executive Director of Volunteer MBC. “In addition to posting volunteer opportunities in our on-line database, our volunteer centre has a strong focus of being involved in on-going community outreach so we can continue to promote volunteerism and the agency members that we support.”

Volunteer MBC is a volunteer centre serving the cities of Mississauga and Brampton, and the Town of Caledon. The centre 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.

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](http://www.volunteermbc.org).

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