

Trillium funding to support shared service model for volunteers

A collaborative effort of three Peel community service organizations and the local volunteer centre has resulted in funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to support a shared service model for volunteer development and management.

Volunteer MBC, as the lead organization for the collaborative, received \$300,000 over 48 months to pilot a shared service model in volunteer development and management with three of its member community service organizations serving Peel Region ? Vita Centre, Family Education Centre and Catholic Family Services of Peel and Dufferin. The funding will support the transition of the volunteer centre's Program Manager into a new role which will support training and mentoring activities, and the implementation of best practices in volunteer infrastructure development in all participating organizations.

?We are very appreciative of the Ontario Trillium Foundation's support and our partners who are working together with us on the development of this model,? said Volunteer MBC Executive Director Carine Strong. ?This is a capacity building pilot program for the non-profit sector with a significant educational component. Once completed, it can be easily replicated with other community service organizations across the region and the province who rely heavily on volunteers to fulfill their respective missions.?

In order to support this project, Adriane Beaudry has assumed the role of Manager of Volunteer Engagement and Programming, and will be sharing her time with each of the three organizations and the volunteer centre. Shaminda Perera has been promoted to Volunteer MBC's Assistant Manager ? Community Engagement and will continue his role of supporting the centre's volunteer referral/matching service, as well as taking more of an active role in the centre's community outreach and education/training through the development of the Centre for Service Excellence to support volunteer engagement professionals, volunteers and Boards. Volunteer MBC is a volunteer centre serving Caledon, as well as the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga. It offers a referral and matching service for volunteer placement within the community for all ages, as well as providing education and support for volunteers and community service agencies and organizations.



Vita Centre Executive Director Deborah Thomson is seen here with Catholic Family Services of Peel and Dufferin Executive Director Mark Creedon, Volunteer MBC Executive Director Carine Strong, Family Education Centre Executive Director Diane Myers and Adriane Beaudry, manager of volunteer engagement and programming at Volunteer MBC Photo courtesy of Volunteer MBC