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### **Member of Parliament Dr. Ruby Dhalla to host 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Brampton Youth and Community Service Fair**

Brampton - On December 5th 2009 Member of Parliament Dr. Ruby Dhalla, will join with community organizations, youth, teachers, principals and community leaders to host the first annual Brampton Youth and Community Service Fair. The Youth and Community Service Fair will provide students in high school who require 40 hours of community service to graduate with an opportunity to learn about volunteer opportunities in their community.

Numerous organizations in Brampton are dedicated to providing support, programs and resources to Bramptonians. Given Brampton's young, vibrant and diverse population there is an opportunity to build partnerships to empower youth to gain a better understanding of how they can make a difference.

"Young volunteers are always active and eager to participate in building a stronger community. As a result of my conversations with youth, principals, teachers and community organizations the 1st Annual Brampton Youth and Community Fair has come in to fruition" said Dhalla. "The fair intends to bring youth, community organizations, and programs available in Brampton together, under one roof on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>."

Over 20 organizations will be in attendance at the fair including The Brampton Neighbourhood Resource Centre, United Achievers, the Brampton Springdale Youth Advisory Council, the Brampton Battalion, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Peel, Brampton Safe City and many more.

As a passionate supporter and champion of young people Dhalla hopes this Fair will empower youth with the spirit of volunteerism and the importance of giving back to your community. As the founder of the Brampton-Springdale Youth Advisory Council, Dhalla is dedicated to giving youth a voice in designing and developing solutions for the challenges they face including addressing youth violence.

"The hopes, dreams, beliefs, ideas and vision of youth are the building blocks for success in our community. It is my hope that this fair will help empower youth to give back to their community and make a positive impact in Brampton!" said Dhalla.

The fair will take place on December 5th 2009 at the North Bramalea United Church, located at 363 Howden Blvd, Brampton, from 1pm to 3pm. You and your family are invited to join us for an afternoon of information and inspiration.

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