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Brampton Community Shows Support with Record Turnout at Ruby Dhalla's 6th Annual Community BBQ

Brampton- Thousands of supporters, residents and community members gathered in Brampton yesterday to celebrate Member of Parliament, Dr. Ruby Dhalla's 6th annual community and volunteer appreciation BBQ.

Families, seniors, and kids of all ages attended a fun filled afternoon complete with clowns, face painters and magicians. The festivities continued well in to the afternoon with multicultural entertainment including rhythmic African drumming and dancing and lively Bhangra performances.

BBQ goes also had a chance to learn about and connect with numerous community services available to them in Brampton. Organizations such as the United Achievers, Punjabi Health Services, 21 and 22 Peel Regional Police Divisions and the Brampton-Springdale Youth Advisory Council, were all present to disseminate information about resources available to residents.

Of special importance to this year's celebration was the inclusion of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch relay. The relay allows 1,036 communities across Canada to carry the Olympic torch. Brampton was among one of these fortunate communities selected to carry the torch which was presented by Ruby Dhalla at the BBQ as a symbol of Canadian pride for hosting the 2010 Winter Games.

"I was humbled and honoured to have so many residents and supporters attend my BBQ this year. Yesterday's record turnout is a clear indication that Bramptonians want politics to be about the hopes and ideas of people, and not focused on smear campaigns" said Dhalla.

As part of Ruby Dhalla's annual volunteer and community bbq celebration, the Dr. Reyes Volunteer Appreciation Award for excellence in community service was also presented. Sponsored by the Brampton-Guardian and Ruby Dhalla, the award is presented each year to outstanding Brampton residents. This year, the award was presented to Joyce Rodriguez, Leo O'Brien and Joginder Sahi for their outstanding commitment to volunteerism and social activism in the Brampton community.

Ruby Dhalla joins the Brampton community in thanking all the volunteers, supporters and staff who helped make this year's Volunteer Appreciation BBQ most memorable and a tremendous success.

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