

## **For Immediate Release**

### Young Volunteers Recognized By Their Peers

*A recent Volunteering Peel Recognition Event took volunteers to Wonderland to recognize their contributions to the community.*

**September 17, 2009 - Mississauga, ON** – With summer quickly coming to an end, it is a good time to reflect back to when a group of young volunteers from across the Region of Peel gathered at John Fraser Secondary School to catch their school buses, but not to attend any classes. The date was Friday, July 31 and their destination was Canada’s Wonderland in the City of Vaughan.

This recognition event was an effort organized by the Volunteering Peel executive leadership team to recognize the volunteers who have been active with the organization. Planning for the event began in April and included a vigorous campaign to recruit sponsors.

“Wonderland was a great way for Volunteering Peel to show appreciation for its volunteers, and it was a great way to have everyone get together and finally be recognized for their year-long efforts,” said Wenhan Chen, who managed the event.

Over 75 volunteers attended the full day event, which included a buffet lunch arranged exclusively for the volunteers.

“It is so important to recognize youth for all that they do to benefit their communities. Our volunteers really deserve this recognition, and we are glad we could make it happen,” said Rohit Mehta, founder and coordinator of Volunteering Peel.

The event could not have been made possible without the support of Regional Councillors Pat Saito and Katie Mahoney, Urban Dental Centre, Impact Auto Auctions, Automotive Express, Wal-Mart of Erin Mills, and Volunteer MBC, a new volunteer centre serving the Region of Peel and a partner of Volunteering Peel.

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*Volunteering Peel is a student-led organization that works with non-profit and charitable organizations to provide volunteers at their events. Our vision is to facilitate volunteer opportunities for students by initiating contact with event organizers, organizing the logistics of events, and helping high school students work towards completing their 40 hours of community service. Volunteering Peel is based in Mississauga, Ontario, and serve youth aged 12-20 across the Region of Peel.*

For more information about Volunteering Peel, please visit [www.volunteeringpeel.org](http://www.volunteeringpeel.org)

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**Caption:** Volunteers from Volunteering Peel pose for a group photo before heading to Wonderland for a recognition event on July 31, 2009.

**Credit:** Jonathan K. Kim

