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Celebrating 150 Years of Volunteerism - Mural Project

Guelph, ON – February 24, 2017 – The Volunteer Centre of Guelph/Wellington, in partnership with Guelph Arts Council, is pleased to announce *Celebrating 150 Years of Volunteerism*, a mural project that celebrates Canada’s 150th and Guelph and Wellington County’s spirit of volunteerism. The Volunteer Centre is now accepting proposals from Guelph/Wellington artists for mural projects that engage volunteers from the Centre’s member agencies in the process of design or production. The original work will be reproduced on metal and mounted at 46 Cork St. E. in Guelph, home of the Volunteer Centre, for Canada’s sesquicentennial.

Proposals from artists are due **March 15, 2017**. The full details of the Call to Artists are posted at volunteergw.ca and guelpharts.ca, and artists may submit proposals [online](#).

“Capturing the talent of a Canadian artist to create a mural celebrating volunteerism will act as a lasting legacy in our community” says Christine Oldfield, Volunteer Centre Executive Director. “It’s really a tapestry of connections: from showcasing Canadian talent through the arts, to highlighting the strength of volunteer engagement, to the creation of a mounted large-scale reproduction of the completed artwork, the project expresses and honours Guelph and Wellington County’s history of exceptional dedication to civic engagement and volunteerism.”

The Volunteer Centre of Guelph/Wellington and Guelph Arts Council are grateful for project support from **The Guelph Community Foundation** and **Ontario150**.

About Volunteer Centre Guelph-Wellington:

The Volunteer Centre works to build a vibrant, healthy and resilient Guelph and Wellington County by fostering volunteerism and sharing information about essential human services.

About Guelph Arts Council:

For forty years, Guelph Arts Council has been dedicated to supporting, stimulating and promoting arts and culture in Guelph. Guelph Arts Council is funded in part by **The Guelph Community Foundation** and **City of Guelph**. We also acknowledge the support of the **Ontario Arts Council (OAC)**, an agency of the Government of Ontario, and our annual sponsors **Meridian** and **Gary Stewart of CIBC Wood Gundy**.

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