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International Multiple Births Awareness Week 2010

This is International Multiple Births Awareness Week around the World! Not only is it an excellent opportunity for multiple-birth organizations to draw attention to the unique needs and challenges of twins and higher order multiples, this new event was made possible because of Canadian volunteers through the leadership of Multiple Births Canada. MBC is quite proud of our role in this inaugural event and applauds all National Volunteers and the MBC Advisory Board members who made it possible!

The theme for **International Multiple Births Awareness Week 2010** is to promote the newly updated [Declaration of Rights and Statement of Needs of Twins and Higher Order Multiples](#).

On behalf of Canada's multiple-birth community, MBC has distributed the Declaration with a request to share it freely to the following national stakeholders – Health Canada, Assisted Human Reproduction Canada, Society of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians, Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society, Infertility Awareness Association of Canada, Infertility Network, Parenting Network and various media outlets.

We encourage our members to continue sharing this document in your home communities and to join the [facebook event](#) set up for International Multiple Births Awareness Week. Chapters and groups adding the Declaration to their websites are invited to post the URL for their website on the [facebook event](#) page. We also encourage you to review the document within your Chapter or group to identify any specific areas of concern you see within Canada. Please pass those comments on to Gail Moore at gail.moore@multiplebirthscanada.org or awarenessweek@icombo.org. The MBC Board of Directors appreciates your support of this important global initiative!

Thanks and Farewell to Vicki Riley

Vicki Riley has worked as our Business Services Manager (BSM) for the past 8 years, and has done an amazing job supporting our members: managing the Business Office; responding to phone calls and emails; coordinating all aspects of membership renewals; editing and updating MBC publications and the website, as Multiple Moments Editor for part of that time; and assisting the Board of Directors with many documents, meetings and decisions. Vicki truly understands the needs of our MBC members and Chapters, and has given us her experienced, thoughtful and caring input into many decisions over the years. The Board of Directors would like to thank Vicki for all her hard work, dedication, creative ideas and passion for MBC, and we wish her well in her new career at Maclean Engineering.

Vicki continues to train Kim and other volunteers to take over many of her duties. Vicki's plans originally included holding an MBC Board position once she had finished with the BSM position; however she has since decided not to serve on the Board this year and instead take time for work and family. With regret, the Board has accepted her resignation. We are grateful that she will continue as a National Volunteer to update, format and distribute MBC publications as the Publications Coordinator. We are pleased that we can continue to call on her skills and expertise when needed.

MBC Office Transition

The MBC Office has moved to Ottawa after being in Wasaga Beach for many years. With the move Kim Weatherall, our new Acting Executive Director (AED), is taking over many of the office duties along with other tasks defined in her AED job description. Please note that the new local phone number in Ottawa is 613-834-TWIN (8946). The toll-free number remains the same, 1-866-228-8824. Kim can be reached at either kimberley.weatherall@multiplebirthscanada.org or through the office email at office@multiplebirthscanada.org.

Other tasks are being distributed to various volunteers. Most important to note: Lori Oldfield is taking over the website updates and webmaster duties. Theresa Sanders has volunteered to help with membership renewals and will take on those duties in a few weeks. Vicki will continue to mail out publications from Wasaga Beach for the next few months. Thank you for stepping forward!

Multiple Moments Update

The Winter 2010 issue of Multiple Moments is in the works and will be published in December, in both print and electronic formats. As of January 2011, Multiple Moments will be available in electronic format for free to all MBC members, as a download from the Members' section of the MBC website. We look forward to having every MBC member reading the stories, learning and sharing together across Canada! The option of purchasing the print edition of Multiple Moments will stop until additional funding is found.

URGENT! Call for Volunteers

The following is a list of the most urgently needed volunteers for Multiple Births Canada. There is much work to be done and we can only achieve it with your help. If you are interested in volunteering and do not see a specific position that interests you please let us know what your skills, background and interests are; we will be sure to find something for you to contribute your talents to. For more opportunities visit our [Volunteer Opportunities](#) page on the MBC website. Please contact Kimberley Weatherall at office@multiplebirthscanada.org.

Volunteer Coordinator: MBC Volunteers are an integral part of our organization; without them, we would not be able to provide support and services to our Chapters, members and to the multiple-birth community as a whole. The role of Volunteer Coordinator is an essential one for our national organization. MBC is looking for someone who has experience working with volunteers in a coordination role to oversee the recruitment, ongoing orientation and training, creation of appropriate position descriptions and tracking national volunteers' progress, as well as providing ongoing and annual recognition.

Chapter Support Network Chair (NEW Position): Working with the Director of Support Services this position will oversee Chapter Development, respond to Chapter related questions and liaise with Chapters on a regular basis.

Multiple Moments Co-Editor / Editor: MBC requires additional assistance to edit and publish *Multiple Moments* every 3 months. MBC is looking for one or more volunteers to assist the current Editor in coordinating and editing submissions to produce an electronic magazine

Advertising Coordinator: Working with the Editor of *Multiple Moments* and Acting Executive Director, to secure new advertising for both *Multiple Moments* and the website.

Communications Director or Coordinator – MBC requires a volunteer with a background in communications and public relations to coordinate the external communications for the MBC Board and for the organization.

Website Programmer: MBC requires a web programmer to enhance the MBC website in a number of different ways, but with the priority to develop downloadable purchasing capability for MBC publications.

Making a Difference Chair – the Making a Difference Chair position is a good entry position to volunteering with MBC. The time commitment is minimal throughout the year. In the months leading up to the Annual Conference the responsibilities include advertising for nominations, coordinating a MADA committee to review and choose winners in 5 categories; and preparing for the presentation of the awards during the conference.

2011 AGM and Conference – Start Getting Ready!

Planning by Windsor/Essex POMBA for the next MBC AGM and Conference is well under way! Start to fundraise and save so you don't miss this wonderful opportunity to network with other multiple-birth parents and volunteers supporting our multiple-birth organizations all across Canada. From what has been planned so far – it looks like a wonderful opportunity to learn, share and have fun. We hope to see you in the fall of 2011 in Windsor! Please see the ad below for more information.

Multiple Births Canada National Conference
October 13-16, 2011
Hilton Downtown Windsor, Ontario

Families Multiplied... Friendships Amplified
Hosted by POMBA Windsor

Windsor and Essex County
Parents of Multiple Births
Association

Windsor/Essex POMBA is hard at work planning the 2011 MBC National Conference and AGM.
The weekend will give all participants a chance to learn about their multiples, themselves and their chapters.

The conference will begin Thursday night with registration and a pizza party with a variety of Windsor's Best Pizzas!
Friday morning will be the start of 2 full days of fabulous speakers, workshops and other fun activities. We will wrap things up with enthusiasm on Sunday morning.

A large block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Windsor at the low rate of \$140/night, based on single or double occupancy.
www.hilton.com
1-800-HILTONS Use promotional code ZXP

More information regarding conference fees, speakers and workshops will be available as more details are confirmed. Get ready for a great weekend.

Check out our promotional video at
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ET3VoVnH0Hk

More information is available at
www.familiesmultiplied2011.com
Or by emailing conference2011@pombawindsor.com

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