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### **Peel Regional Police Raise \$14,000 for Children's Mental Health Agency**

Brampton – On Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Peel Regional Police (PRP) hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother's Day Brunch in support of Peel Children's Centre (PCC). With more than 140 guests in attendance, the sold out event raised \$14,000 and was held at the Peel Regional Police Association's banquet hall in Brampton. PRP Sergeants Jessica Roselli and Leslee Whidden initiated the Mother's Day Brunch in 2014 and since then the event has raised more than \$59,000 for PCC's programs and services.

PCC Chief Officer, System Integration, Ceri Harnden, and PRP Chief Chris McCord and Acting/Superintendent Rob Shearer all expressed their appreciation for the organizations' long-standing relationship and shared commitment to helping children, youth and families who need mental health help.

Highlights from the event included a delicious buffet brunch, silent auction, and musical entertainment by local singers Alex Medeiros and Bianca Melchior. Guests shopped with several local vendors and took home keepsake photos from the complimentary photo booth. A mother who recently completed the Circle of Security® program with her three-year-old son shared her story with guests to illustrate the positive impact PCC's high quality services have had on her family. Research has shown that secure attachment between child and caregiver is critical to a child's current and future well-being; the Circle of Security® program helps parents and caregivers foster a secure attachment with their child by teaching them how to understand and respond to their child's emotional needs; enhance their child's self-esteem; and help their child learn how to trust the people they love.

PCC extends its heartfelt thanks to PRP, as well as to the sponsors, vendors, volunteers, and guests who helped make this year's Mother's Day Brunch a success. PCC is proud to work together with PRP to support children, youth and families in our community.

PCC is a fully accredited, not-for-profit children's mental health agency. Since 1985, PCC has provided free and confidential mental health services to over 4,300 children, youth and their families annually. To learn more about PCC, please visit [www.peelcc.org](http://www.peelcc.org).

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