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Dear friends,

I am once again very pleased to invite you to participate in Ontario's volunteer recognition programs for 2010.

Volunteers play a significant role in building strong and diverse communities and give back in so many ways through a strong sense of civic responsibility.

The Ontario government recognizes volunteers from all sectors through the following programs:

- **Volunteer Service Awards (VSA)** - in recognition of continuous years of service with a community organization
- **June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award (JCOAA)** - awarded for superlative volunteer work undertaken by individuals, groups or businesses
- **Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers (OMYV)** – presented to outstanding young volunteers between the ages of 15 and 24

Nomination forms and additional information on each program are available on the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration website at www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/honours. You can also contact the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at 416-314-7526 or 1-877-832-8622. The nomination closing dates for each program are highlighted below.

Please take this opportunity to nominate volunteers from your organization for the appropriate award program and feel free to share this letter with other organizations that would be interested in participating in these worthwhile programs.

By submitting a nomination you can help ensure that volunteers receive the recognition they deserve. Thank you for participating.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Chan".

Michael Chan
Minister

Nomination Closing Dates:

VSA – January 25, 2010
JCOAA – January 15, 2010
OMYV – January 31, 2010