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The Gift of Life from Health City Ontario

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November 16, 2016 (Kingston, ON) – Tomorrow, the Health City Ontario team will gather at Canadian Blood Services to donate blood and actively support the health of people of all ages in the Province and their local community, Kingston.

The team - a coalition of local citizens and health care professionals concerned about health care in Ontario - will meet as donors at 10:00 a.m. on November 17th, at the Canadian Blood Services Blood Donor Clinic at 850 Gardiners Road.

“This is a way of tangibly demonstrating our commitment to bolstering health care in Ontario,” says Sarah Arrowsmith, a local family doctor and community advocate. “It’s a measure of how important our community is to each of us and a way of drawing attention to many of the challenges we face in delivering timely and consistent health care.”

The Health City Ontario team encourages any Kingston residents who can donate blood to do so. Blood and blood products are a critical part of everyday medical care, and to the livelihood of patients who count on donations to survive.

Organizers would also like to draw attention to a free, first of its kind health care event, Health City Kingston, happening at the Rogers K-Rock Centre on November 22nd. Health City will offer the community an opportunity to engage with health education booths, attend question and answer sessions with specialists, and listen to discussions and debates on critical issues facing our health care today. The event will also highlight the controversial Bill 41 - the so called “Patient’s First” Act - to draw attention to some of the risks and costs that the new legislation may impose and ask citizens to voice their opinions on the matter.

“I want the chance to let the government hear from the patient’s perspective,” says Bev Miller, a local resident who is concerned that proposed changes to health care will create more bureaucracy without solving the challenges for an aging population. “It’s time we stand up for ourselves and have our voices heard”.

Kingston citizens should mark their calendars to attend Health City at the Rogers K-Rock Centre on November 22nd – doors will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., admission is free.

Not only will guests become informed, they will have the opportunity to sample nutritious food, listen to fabulous entertainment from Kingston’s own Ambush, and get their flu shot – all organized under one roof to give people what they need, when they need it.

Visit the website www.healthcityontario.com to see the planned schedule of events, find out what is being said about the state of health care in Ontario, and respond to the survey to share what concerns you!

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