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**Local Toronto woman organizes annual golf tournament
to raise funds and awareness for Huntington disease
*Celebrating National Volunteer Week: April 12-18, 2015***

(KITCHENER, ON) April 13, 2015 – To celebrate National Volunteer Week (April 12-18), the Huntington Society of Canada (HSC) is honouring Kim Cameron. Her volunteer work in Toronto makes a significant impact in the Huntington’s community. Volunteers are at the heart of HSC. Our volunteers tell a powerful story of caring people who pull together to improve the quality of life for Canadians impacted by Huntington disease (HD).

Kim Cameron and her family have run a tremendously successful golf tournament since 2005. To date, the Cameron Golf Tournament has raised over \$300,000 to fund HD research and provide support to families affected by Huntington disease.

“It feels good,” Kim says. “You want to give back and you want to help out others.”

Kim raises money for the Huntington Society of Canada to help all of her relatives affected by the disease, but especially her favourite aunt. “She was like a big sister to me,” Kim says. “She’s not able to talk now. She can’t walk.”

The 10th Annual Cameron Golf Tournament will take place August 19, 2015 at the Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility. Kim predicts that it will their biggest yet.

“Volunteer dedication and support enable us to grow, achieve impactful results and reach our goals,” says Bev Heim-Myers, Chief Executive Officer of the Huntington Society of Canada. “Our inspiration comes from the thousands of volunteers that stand beside us as part of the fabric of the Society and make us the best that we can be.”

The Huntington Society of Canada would like to thank each and every one of our over 10,000 volunteers across the country. Their hard work and dedication is deeply appreciated by the Society.

Now in its 74th year, National Volunteer Week is all about recognizing the hardworking volunteers that make a difference in Canada. It has grown to be the largest celebration of civic participation in Canada. Help us celebrate National Volunteer Week in Canada. Volunteers are part of the ripple effect.

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Huntington disease (HD) is a debilitating brain disorder that is fatal and incurable. About one in every 7,000 Canadians has HD and approximately one in every 5,500 is at-risk of developing the disease. Many more are touched by HD whether as a caregiver, a family member, or a friend. HD causes cells in specific parts of the brain to die. As the disease progresses, a person with Huntington’s become less able to manage movements, recall events, make decisions and control emotions. The disease leads to incapacitation and, eventually, death.

The **Huntington Society of Canada (HSC)** is a respected leader in the worldwide effort to end Huntington disease. HSC is the only Canadian health charity dedicated to providing help and hope for families dealing with Huntington disease across Canada.

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