



MEDIA ADVISORY

MULTI-FAITH WELCOMING COMMITTEE TO SURPRISE TRAVELERS Local religious leaders to hand out chocolates at the airport

Monday, February 15, 2016, Ottawa — Tomorrow, join Rabbi Reuven Bulka and other religious leaders as they come together to form the annual multi-faith welcoming committee at the Ottawa International Airport. They will be handing out chocolate loonies and toonies to people coming off the planes in order to help spread kindness and welcome them to Canada. The group symbolizes the variety of beliefs and values that Canadians have as well as the kindness and cooperation that exists between different groups.

There are many other “kind” activities happening throughout the city during Kindness Week, including a week-long blood drive at Canadian Blood Services. Also to celebrate the theme of recognizing Unsung Heroes, members of the Kindness Committee will be visiting schools to surprise members of the school community with Kindness Awards. In addition, Accora Village (formerly Bayshore) and other groups in the city have activities planned for the week. For more information on these and other Kindness events visit www.kindottawa.ca/calendar. For details on award presentations see the contact information below.

- WHAT:** Multi-faith Welcoming Committee
- WHEN:** Tuesday, February 16, 2016
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- WHO:** Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Congregation Machzikei Hadas and Chair of Kindness Week, and several other community religious leaders
- WHERE:** Ottawa International Airport, Arrivals

Please note: Media are requested to park their vehicle in the Parkade. Parking vouchers will be provided.

About Kindness Week

Now in its ninth year, Kindness Week Ottawa, proudly presented by the Caring and Sharing Exchange, is a city-wide initiative that encourages community members to choose to be kind and recognizes those who engage in everyday acts of kindness. The brainchild of Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Congregation Machzikei Hadas, Kindness Week was launched to help make a difference in the community by spreading kindness. Kindness Week is made possible thanks to an organizing committee of volunteers from government, non-profit, corporate, education, and restaurant and hospitality sectors, and is facilitated by the Caring and Sharing Exchange. For more information about Kindness Week visit www.kindottawa.ca or follow updates on Twitter at @kindottawa.

About The Caring and Sharing Exchange

The Caring and Sharing Exchange helps Ottawa families facing economic hardship during the Christmas and back-to-school seasons. The Co-ordination Service verifies the names of clients registered by hundreds of partner agencies in Ottawa in order to eliminate duplicate applications and redistribute funds fairly, helping more people in need. For more information, or to make a donation, please visit www.CaringandSharing.ca or call 613-226-6434.

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