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**BURLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

BURLINGTON, ON (October 29, 2011) - On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Burlington Community Foundation, Sharon Gilmour-Glover, Chair, is pleased to announce the appointment of Colleen Mulholland to the position of Executive Director effective November 14, 2011.

"We are extremely pleased to have Colleen Mulholland join us to lead the Foundation into 2012 and beyond," said Sharon Gilmour-Glover, Chair of the Burlington Community Foundation.

With successes in the research, technology, economic development and healthcare sectors, Colleen Mulholland brings a wealth of leadership and management experience to the role of Executive Director at the Burlington Community Foundation. Most recently, Colleen held the positions of Vice President, Strategic Initiatives and Vice President, Marketing and Communications at the Canadian Diabetes Association. Previous to these roles, Colleen held senior executive positions with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the Ontario Centres of Excellence.

A dedicated volunteer, Colleen is very active in the community. She has served as a Board Director for VHA Home Healthcare, a provincial organization committed to providing quality healthcare and home support services to those in need, and is a devoted supporter and volunteer of the Canadian Diabetes Association and the Burlington Youth Soccer Club.

"Colleen brings more than 20 years of experience in the not-for-profit and non-profit sectors and has earned a reputation as a trusted and respected leader. Equally important, as a long standing resident of Burlington, Colleen shares our passion for building a sustainable and healthy future for our community," added Sharon Gilmour-Glover.

"Joining the Burlington Community Foundation is truly an honour. I look forward to working closely with the Board, staff, volunteers, donors and supporters of the Foundation to maximize growth opportunities ahead," said Colleen Mulholland. "I also look forward to proudly serving the citizens of Burlington by helping to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen our community."

"Colleen possesses the right combination of leadership skills, experience and passion to lead the vital strategies we have in place to help our community grow and prosper," said Gilmour-Glover. "We have chosen a leader with a compassionate mind and an uncompromising commitment to our mission."

About the Burlington Community Foundation (BCF)

The BCF works with non-profit organizations, businesses, governments and donors to tackle community priorities that require a collective approach to making progress while achieving the philanthropic wishes of the donor. The BCF actively serves the people of Burlington by attracting permanent charitable capital and providing annual grants, leadership and services to non-profit charities in Burlington. Grants are distributed in the areas of social services, arts and culture, recreation, education, health and the environment.

Currently, the BCF manages over 55 endowment and other types of funds and has granted more than \$1.3 million to support charitable activities in Burlington and beyond since its inception in 1999. For more information, visit BCF at www.burlingtonfoundation.org.

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