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**Meningitis Relief Canada (MRC) Invites You to a Community Picnic and BBQ**  
***Event Will Raise Funds for Supporting Children and Families Affected by Meningitis***

**(Brampton)**— Meningitis is a life threatening disease that can strike at any time and within hours it can lead to life-long mental and physical disabilities or death. Meningitis mainly affects infants, young children and adolescence.

Meningitis is devastating for the individuals and families involved, however despite its severity, there still remains a lack of meningitis education and awareness amongst the public and healthcare profession. Meningitis Relief Canada (MRC) strives to change this, by empowering the public with knowledge about this devastating disease.

On Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, MRC will host its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Family Day Picnic Fundraiser in Brampton at Chinguacousy Park (Picnic Area #2) from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. BBQ tickets are \$8 each with halal and vegetarian options available. There will be plenty of fun for the whole family. Park amenities include: Tropical Gardens/Greenhouse, Splash Pad, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Barn, Mini Golf, Paddle Boats, Train Rides, etc.

“For meningitis, time is of the essence, where an early diagnosis could mean saving a life. However, many parents and even doctors are unaware of the warning signs of meningitis in infants and children.” said MRC founder Furakh Mir. “This event is about bringing the community together to raise awareness, and to raise funds to support our work in helping children and families whose lives have been affected by meningitis.”

The event is made possible thanks to the generous support of Al Safa, The Why Factor, the Tutor Doctor, the International Institute of Marketing Professionals, Alam Law Office, Mir Law Office, the Niagara Inn Motel, and GTA Reporting. All funds raised will go to support children and families affected by meningitis.

Meningitis is an inflammation of the lining around the brain and spinal cord. It is one of the most devastating diseases affecting infants, children and teenagers, and often goes initially undetected because its early symptoms resemble the flu.

“Two years ago, my one week old son became ill,” explained Ms. Mir. “We had taken him to both our local hospital and walk-in clinic, where we were advised that it was nothing serious. Unsettled, I still felt something was not right about him and proceeded to take him to Sick Kids in Toronto where he was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis. Fortunately, he was diagnosed and treated early and made a full recovery. I founded Meningitis Relief Canada (MRC) to ensure that parents and doctors can make informed decisions, in order to prevent further death and disability from this disease.”

Meningitis Relief Canada (MRC) is a Canadian registered charity that raises meningitis awareness and provides grief and bereavement counseling as well as financial assistance to individuals and families affected by the after-effects of meningitis. For more information please visit [www.meningitisrelief.com](http://www.meningitisrelief.com) or email [info@meningitisrelief.com](mailto:info@meningitisrelief.com)



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