Media Release

<u>Get connected with Hamilton Police and MedicAlert Connect</u> Protect

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The Hamilton Police Service and MedicAlert Foundation of Canada are holding two informational events to raise awareness about a new service called MedicAlert Connect Protect. These events are taking place Saturday, February 20 at Westmount Recreation Centre, 35 Lynbrook Dr. from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 25 at Sackville Hill Seniors Centre, 780 Upper Wentworth St. from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

A first in our community, this partnership provides Hamilton Police with direct 24/7 access to a loved one's important information including their identity, caregiver details, wandering history and an up-to-date photo. If someone wanders or goes missing, MedicAlert Connect Protect helps officers with information so they can conduct their search more efficiently, returning them to their loved ones sooner.

From January to October 2015 there were over 1,000 cases of missing persons in the City of Hamilton. Fifty five per cent of these were related to Alzheimer's or dementia. In addition to these conditions, MedicAlert Connect Protect service also benefits those living with Autism.

As the most recommended medical identification service by Canadian healthcare professionals, MedicAlert, also a long standing charity, believes that all Canadians should be able to benefit from its services.

For more information about this program please visit https://medicalert.ca/connectprotect.



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