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*Jerry Pickard, M.P.*  
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*Jerry Pickard, M.P., Chatham-Kent Essex made the following statement in the House of Commons today:*

"Mister Speaker, I invite all my colleagues in the House to join the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to celebrate Canada's very first National *Pay it Forward* Day."

"To *Pay it Forward* is to do a service or good deed for someone who, instead of paying it back 'pays it forward' and does a good turn for someone else.

"Today and tomorrow, in Chatham-Kent people are paying it forward by doing deeds of kindness. They are volunteering their time and expertise; donating money; cleaning up litter; discovering and celebrating our cultural diversity, and are joining together in acts of kindness and compassion.

"*Pay it Forward* encourages us to build bridges of understanding between people, to develop respect for the diversity we share as Canadians, and to give generously of ourselves without thought of reward.

"I congratulate the organizers of Canada's first National *Pay it Forward* Day who have taken this simple idea and turned it into a community celebration of generosity and kindness."

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