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**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES
WELL KNOWN LOCAL, STEPHEN PAYNE
WITH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

November 23, 2009 (Tecumseh, ON) – Ms. Carolyn Tavolieri, Board President of the John McGivney Children's Centre is pleased to announce that on November 9, 2009 well known community volunteer, Stephen Payne was the recent recipient of the Ontario Association of Children's Rehabilitation Services 'Honours of the Association' award.

The 'Honours of the Association' is Ontario Association of Children's Rehabilitation Services most prestigious award, representing the highest expression of respect and gratitude. The award honours those individuals whose work on behalf of OACRS and/or the children and families served by Children's Treatment Centres has been extraordinary and enhanced the lives of those served.

Mr. Payne has been actively involved in the community for the past 35 years spanning the educational sector from teacher to Director of Education. His volunteer community involvements have included sport activities and he has been active on many boards and committees in the Windsor area including the Children's Safety Village.

Stephen has served on the Board of Directors of the John McGivney Children's Centre since 1998 assuming over the years the positions of Board President, chair of the building committee and currently as chair of the fundraising committee. Over those eleven years his devotion and commitment has enabled him to undertake political advocacy, community agency partnership development and to champion the Centre and its valuable services in multiple venues. His passion for the well being of children is unwavering and we reiterate the sentiment of his award as he is a tremendous asset to the John McGivney Children's Centre.

The John McGivney Children's Centre is a pediatric centre of excellence and provides rehabilitation; education and support services in the Windsor and Essex County community, enriching the lives of children and youth with disabilities and special needs by helping them reach their full potential.

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