



JOHN MCGIVNEY CHILDREN'S CENTRE ANNOUNCES NEW TEMPORARY LOCATION

April 30, 2008 (Windsor, ON)– The John McGivney Children's Centre announced today that the Centre will soon temporarily relocate to *the former St. Anne's High School on Arbour Street* in Tecumseh, while their current location undergoes a much anticipated \$16.8 million capital renovation and expansion. The Centre has received \$10.8 million in funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and has commenced the process to raise the required additional \$6 million locally.

"The Board and staff of the John McGivney Children's Centre undertook an extensive search for a suitable facility to meet our very specialized needs" said Arla Peters, Board President for the John McGivney Children's Centre. "We are grateful to the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board and the Town of Tecumseh for their assistance in making this site available to us on an interim basis."

Built in 1978 to serve 150 children, the John McGivney Children's Centre currently provides rehabilitative services to more than 2,100 children with disabilities and special needs in Windsor and Essex County. Services provided include an integrated preschool, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, communication therapy, family services, specialized clinics and an on-site school for children with special needs.

"We are pleased to be involved in such a positive undertaking with an important member of our community" said John Macri, Chair of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. "It is truly a win-win-win situation for the Centre, the town and the Board".

"The Town of Tecumseh is delighted to be the host site for the John McGivney Children's Centre during their renovation project" said Gary McNamara, Mayor of the Town of Tecumseh. "This partnership opportunity reflects one of the benefits to be achieved by cooperative ventures among public sector agencies. The Town and the business community welcome the staff, children and their families to the former St. Anne's site."

Construction at the John McGivney Children's Centre's permanent home on Matchette Road in Windsor is set to begin this summer and will see the Centre almost triple in size. In addition to the new partnerships announced today with the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board and the Town of Tecumseh, the Centre has relied on the support and assistance of the City of Windsor and Windsor Regional Hospital throughout the expansion planning process. It is anticipated that the Centre will operate at the St. Anne's location from July 2008 until late 2009, when construction is due to be completed.

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