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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the John McGivney Children's Centre, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Beth Macklin as Medical Director of the Centre effective January 2007.

Dr. Macklin is a Developmental Paediatrician specializing in work with children with developmental disabilities and their families. Prior to beginning training as a paediatrician, Dr. Macklin completed a Masters Degree in Developmental Psychology and worked in the fields of autism and learning disabilities. Dr. Macklin trained in Paediatrics and Developmental Paediatrics at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and at Queens University in Kingston. She subsequently worked as a Developmental Paediatrician and Assistant Professor of Paediatrics at Queens University and as the Acting Medical Co-Director of the Child Development Centre in Kingston. Since coming to Windsor in 1997, Dr. Macklin has served as a consultant to the Regional Children's Centre, Children First, and the John McGivney Children's Centre. Dr. Macklin teaches in association with the University of Western Ontario. She joins Dr. Tom Oper, Dental Director, who has been affiliated with the Centre for over fifteen years.

Dr. Oper is a specialist in the field of Pediatric Dentistry with a private practice in Windsor. He received his B.A. and D.D.S. at the University of Western Ontario and obtained his Masters in Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Michigan. Dr. Oper has been a lecturer and Clinical Instructor at the University of Western Ontario. As a member of the Ontario Dental Association, Dr. Oper has been a member of the O.D.A. Board of Governors, Chairman of the Hospital Dental Services Committee and has been awarded the Ontario Dental Association Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Oper is Past-President of the Easlick Society (Graduate Society University of Michigan Pediatric Dentistry).

We are pleased to have two such distinguished individuals, in partnership with our highly skilled and dedicated staff and volunteers, assisting us to provide rehabilitative services and support to over 2,000 children and families of Windsor and Essex County annually.

Together with our community partners we endeavour to work toward a future of participation, acceptance and opportunities for the children of our community.

Sincerely,

Arla Peters
Board President