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CPCC Celebrates 25 Years

Bolton, ON - The Caledon Parent-Child Centre (CPCC) will mark an important milestone on November 27th as it celebrates 25 years of proudly serving the families and children of Caledon. This grass roots organization began its humble beginnings in response to a tragedy that claimed the life of a caregiver and the children in her care. An inquest later revealed that there were insufficient support services for those caring for young children in Caledon.

Co-Founder, Leanne Flood, recalls, "When the doors of the Centre first opened in November of 1987, we were unsure of just how this fledgling organization would be received in Caledon. Up to that date, resources in communities tended to be aimed directly at the children. The CPCC's focus was to be on supporting the parents and childcare providers and then, through them, the children in their care."

In 1989, the Centre was incorporated and became an independent charitable organization. It has grown from a Toy Lending Library and Drop-In Centre for approximately 39 families to a full service Family Resource Centre and Ontario Early Years service provider.

The Centre supports parents and caregivers through a variety of programs and services that strengthen families. It also provides early learning experiences that encourage healthy child development, recognizing the crucial role parents and caregivers play in fostering optimal development. Through close collaboration with other services, the Centre provides a central access point for prevention and early identification of concerns for children and their families.

"Through the dedication of various Boards of Directors and sensitive, caring staff and volunteers, the Centre has been a source of guidance and support for thousands of families over the last 25 years," says Maureen Thornton, Executive Director of The Caledon Parent-Child Centre.

The anniversary celebration will take place on Tuesday, November 27 from 2 to 7 p.m. at The Caledon Parent-Child Centre located in the Albion/Bolton Community Centre. The afternoon includes a variety of children's entertainment featuring Applefun Puppetry, Mini-Zumba, and face painting by Annie Lynn the Clown. Special guest Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, and other dignitaries will be on hand to officially mark the celebration at 4 p.m. A reception will follow. The entire community is invited to attend as we all celebrate the Centre's long and rich history.

For detailed event information, call The Caledon Parent-Child Centre at 905-857-0090 or visit www.cp-cc.org.

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