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*“Strengthening families for a brighter tomorrow.”*

## You Asked .... We Listened

In the Fall of 2007, the users of the Caledon Parent-Child Centre/Ontario Early Years Centre (CPCC/OEYC) were asked to complete the FRP (Family Resource Programs) Canada e-Evaluation. The e-Evaluation was developed by FRP Canada in response to requests from its members for practical, meaningful and appropriate evaluation tools. 240 participants completed the survey in order to provide feedback on the programs and services provided by the CPCC/OEYC. Results were tabulated by Data Analysis Coordinators at the Region of Peel and forwarded to FRP Canada. A summary of the results can be accessed on our website at [www.cp-cc.org](http://www.cp-cc.org) and a printed copy is available at our Centre.

Overall, the survey reflected that parents/caregivers are satisfied with the service received at the CPCC/OEYC. Comments and suggestions from the evaluation will be used for ongoing program improvement. We would like to thank those survey respondents who took the time to complete the e-Evaluation. Your feedback is valuable to us. If at any time you have any other suggestions, please feel free to communicate these to staff or complete a comment card available in the snack area of the main playroom.

See inside for a snapshot of some new initiatives coming this Fall as a direct result of your comments. You asked .... we listened.

Ailsa Stanners-Moroz  
Program Manager



## Upcoming Events

### PEP-Start Clinic:

October 20, 2008 at the Caledon Parent-Child Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. A drop-in clinic offering parents the opportunity to consult briefly with professionals from community agencies. For children newborn to 5 years of age who reside in the Region of Peel. No appointment necessary.

### Family Fun Night:

October 30, 2008 at the Caledon Parent-Child Centre from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.. A Halloween celebration with face painting, crafts and story time.

### Children's Christmas Party:

December 5, 2008 in the Albion/Bolton Community Centre auditorium from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. A fabulous party with musical entertainment, crafts, food, prizes and a visit from Santa. Watch for ticket information on our website and at the Centre.

## What's Inside

*“A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child.”*

*- Knights of Pythagoras*

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## News & Reminders

### Unscheduled Closures

Occasionally our Centre has to cancel programs or close due to unforeseen circumstances. Please remember the Centre's policy in the event of poor weather conditions: When Peel school buses are cancelled, all programs are cancelled and the Centre is closed. Please listen to your local TV or radio stations for bus cancellations. If we have to cancel programs for other reasons, we will try our best to give ample notice to those registered.

### Scheduled Closures

**Bolton Fall Fair** - September 20, 2008

**Thanksgiving Weekend** - October 11 & 13, 2008

**PEP-Start Clinic** - October 20, 2008 (Family Time closed in the morning. Clinic clients only please.)

**Santa Claus Parade** - December 6, 2008

**Christmas Holiday** - December 24, 2008 to January 4, 2009 inclusive

**Family Day Weekend** - February 14 & 16, 2009

### Registration

Please make note of the following registration dates for our roster of Fall and Winter programs:

Fall I Session Program Registration - September 8 - 13, 2008 during regular Family Time hours (programs

begin the week of September 22, 2008  
Fall Session II Program Registration - November 10 to 15, 2008 during regular Family Time hours (programs begin the week of November 24, 2008)

Winter Session Program Registration - January 26 to 31, 2009 during regular Family Time hours (programs begin the week of February 9, 2009)

### New Programs & Workshops

We are excited to announce some new programs and workshops for parents and families this Fall offering information and support to families with young children. Registration is required.

**Super Circle (every Monday and Saturday morning beginning the week of Sept 22):** This theme-based story time will include songs, stories and a craft activity for families to enjoy.

**Creative Kids (Sept 24 - Nov 12):** Back by popular demand. Children and adults will explore all aspects of the arts including drama, music and visual arts

**Infant Massage (Sept 26 - Oct 24):** This five-part series will teach parents the importance of human touch, the benefits of massage and how to use massage techniques to calm and connect with your baby.

**Movin' and Groovin' With Dad (Sept 27 - Nov 15):** This program introduces young children to the concepts of music, movement and dramatic play while building a strong father-child relationship.

**COPEing With Toddler Behaviour (Oct 17 - Dec 5):** This eight-part series will teach parents how to foster a strong relationship with toddlers (12 - 36 months). Parents will learn strategies to prevent and manage challenging toddler behaviours. Videotapes, group discussion and role-plays will be utilized.

**The Preschool Years (Nov 5 & 12):** This two-part workshop for parents of the 2 to 5 year old crowd will deal with the Ages and Stages of preschool development and provide guidance in managing challenging behaviours.

### Friday Morning Parent Education Workshops

For a complete listing of our popular workshops being offered on Friday mornings, visit our website at [www.cp-cc.org](http://www.cp-cc.org) (schedule is subject to change). Just a reminder that childcare must be paid for at time of registration. Childcare is available at a fee of \$5.00 per child.

## We need your financial support for sustainability and growth!

Help us continue to "Strengthen families for a brighter tomorrow" with your financial support. There are many ways to give including one-time donations, celebration gifts, designated United Way deductions, monthly gifts, sponsorship opportunities and planned gifts. For more information on making a gift in support of the Caledon Parent-Child Centre and the "Brighter Tomorrows Fund", visit our website at [www.cp-cc.org](http://www.cp-cc.org) or contact Maureen Thornton or Teresa Colasanti at 905-857-0090.

### Did you know ...

you can now make a donation to the Caledon Parent-Child Centre online? Simply go to the Donate/Support page on our website at [www.cp-cc.org](http://www.cp-cc.org) and use the Donate Now button through Canada Helps. Canada Helps is a unique Canadian donor portal, that offers a cost-effective method to charities, like ourselves, to facilitate online electronic donations. We've just made donating to the Caledon Parent-Child Centre even easier!

# Laugh Out Loud! (LOL)

## Comedy night raises \$12,900 for support and prevention of postpartum mood disorders!

April 25th marked our fourth annual Laugh Out Loud fundraiser in support of our Adjustments After Birth programs. We hosted another stellar event as we transformed Glen Eagle Golf Club into a comedy club, bringing guests the hilarious comedy of Allyson Smith and Tim Nutt from Yuk Yuk's on Tour. Canadian singer/songwriter, Amy Sky, opened the evening with a powerful message about the mysterious and misunderstood condition known as postpartum mood disorder, highlighting the purpose and importance of the evening.

We are proud to announce that the event was sold out and raised an amazing \$12,900. Special thanks to our event sponsors whose financial support made LOL possible: BMO Bank of Montreal Bolton Branch, Bill Parnaby of Royal LePage, Fines Ford Lincoln Sales & Service, Flex-Mor Industries Ltd., James Dick Construction Ltd., Egan Funeral Home and Sensory Garden Child Development Centre.

Our gratitude to our Grand Prize donors; SellOffVacations.com, Crystal Art by Anna, Hockley Valley Resort, and Timeless Moments Day Spa and our congratulations to our prize winners:

- 1st Prize (travel voucher):** Mara Celmin
- 2nd Prize (custom designed jewellery set):** Donna Harms
- 3rd Prize (resort package):** Kay Stanners
- 4th Prize (day spa package):** Paulette Tomassini & Anastasia Halpern

We'd also like to extend our thanks to the many businesses and individuals who donated items for our silent auction which generated an impressive \$3,670.

Last, our heartfelt appreciation to our Special Events organizing committee for their energy and creativity resulting in another successful event. Laugh Out Loud would not be possible without your efforts and participation.



Singer/Songwriter, Amy Sky (bottom left), pictured here with staff members Maureen, Teresa and Ailsa.

**Thank you to the following businesses, foundations and individuals who made financial contributions in the past six months.**

### Corporate Gifts

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Special thanks to the many businesses and individuals who made in-kind product and service donations in 2008 that helped offset costs of programs and fundraising initiatives.

And, of course, thank you to our funders for their long-standing financial support:

- the Ministry of Children & Youth Services
- the Region of Peel
- the United Way of Peel Region
- Health and Welfare Canada, CAP-C
- Human Resources Development Canada



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# Highlights from our Annual General Meeting

## Board of Directors - 2008/2009

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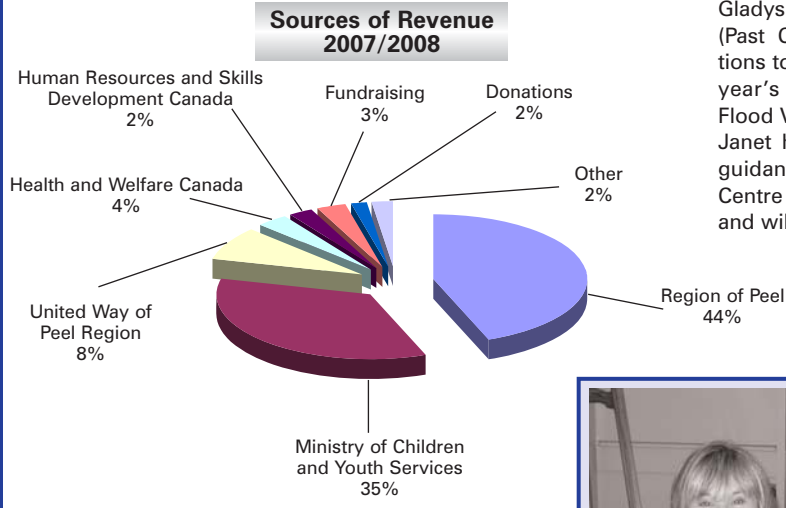
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Rose Greco, M.Sc., SLP, Reg. CASLPO  
(Executive Secretary)  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
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The Executive Director and Board of Directors of the CPCC/OEYC hosted the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Corporation of the Caledon Parent-Child Centre on June 11, 2008. They were pleased to report that the agency continues to operate in good financial standing and according to its strategic priorities. The fiscal year brought an increase in the number of agencies and service providers, in addition to our own staff, who provide counseling, support and referrals at the Centre. This Hub Model provides a spectrum of supports to families in the comfort of their own community. The Centre also continues to provide a variety of programs and services for all families, including those who have special needs. Space, equipment and human resources have been maximized to deliver programs that respond to new service areas and populations. Operational improvements have been made to accommodate growth and change. Finally, enhancements to current funding and the development of new opportunities for financial support were identified and implemented where possible. The Board and Staff continually strive to address issues of adequate space and funding to provide much needed services to the rapidly growing population of Caledon. For a copy of the 2007/2008 Annual Report, visit our website at [www.cp-cc.org](http://www.cp-cc.org).

The Board and Staff wish to extend their thanks and farewell to departing Board Members: Sandra Vieira, Gladys Rennie and Janet MacPhee (Past Chair). Special congratulations to Janet who was named this year's recipient of the Leanne Flood Volunteer of the Year Award. Janet has been a great source of guidance and leadership to the Centre over the past several years and will be sincerely missed.



Our esteemed Board of Directors



Janet MacPhee (left), Volunteer Award Recipient, with Maureen Thornton, Executive Director.



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**VISION STATEMENT:** To be a leading member of an integrated system of community services that fosters the healthy development of children and families, resulting in a strong and socially responsive community.

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