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Gary Putman Award

ORANGEVILLE, ON –Dufferin Child and Family Services has created the Gary Putman Award to recognize a member of the Dufferin County community who has made a significant contribution in the areas of child safety and wellbeing, children's mental health, developmental support services and/or community education and awareness. The agency is seeking nominations until May 31, 2008.

Gary Putman led Dufferin Child and Family Services for 29 years before retiring as Executive Director in November 2007. In recognition of Gary's tremendous efforts and dedication to the children and youth of Dufferin County, an agency award, to be presented annually, has been created in his honour.

The successful recipient of the Gary Putman Award will be:

- Committed to the well-being of children and youth in our community
- A positive influence within the community
- Innovative in their approach with children, youth and families
- Positive, helpful and work well with others including clients, colleagues, and community members

The winner will be presented with the award at Dufferin Child and Family Services' Annual General Meeting on June 25, 2008.

Please take this opportunity to recognize someone special in our community who has made a positive contribution to the lives of children and youth. To get a nomination form, contact Carrie Jenks at carrie.jenks@dcafs.on.ca or by phone at 519 941-1530 ext 284.

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