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MukiBaum Treatment Centres Opens New Doors To Find Human Treasures Beyond Disabilities

Toronto, ON, October 2, 2008 –MukiBaum is proud to welcome the Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, for the grand opening celebrations of their state-of-the-art facility, the Centre For Ability, this evening at 40 Samor Road. The 53,000 sq. ft. building is the new home of MukiBaum’s Adult Day Services and Specialized Children’s Programs for children and adults with complex disabilities. “The Centre For Ability is truly unique in Canada,” says Dr. Nehama Baum, Founder and Executive Director of MukiBaum Treatment Centres. “We are thrilled to finally open our doors with increased capacity and help those in our community who are challenged by their complex disabilities.”

The festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. today with tours of the new building, followed by the opening ceremonies including greetings from the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Beverly Thomson of CTV’s Canada AM will host the event and other speakers of note for the evening are Mr. Mike Colle, MPP Eglinton-Lawrence; Mr. Monte Kwinter, MPP York Centre; and Dr. Nehama Baum, Founder of MukiBaum Treatment Centres. A wine reception will commence after the official ribbon cutting ceremony. All of MukiBaum’s three unique campuses (Sensory, Art and Vocational) include therapy rooms that will be on display including the Snoezelen Multi-Sensory rooms, the wet spa, the sensory garden, virtual reality and the art campus, all housed in this uniquely designed facility.

“This new building provides the framework for our programs to effectively meet the needs of the people we serve,” says Cheryl Farrugia, Director of Programs and Services. “All specialized design features were created to enhance the quality of life of people with complex disabilities.”

The Centre For Ability is a specialized environment designed to meet the extremely specific needs of the people it serves. Every large room in the building has 24’ high ceilings to create space and allow natural lighting to enter via skylights. To reduce echoing sound which causes those with sensory disabilities extreme stress and produces aggression, large tectum panels and baffles were installed to eliminate the reflection of sound waves from the walls.

MukiBaum Treatment Centres (www.mukibaum.com) is a non-profit charitable organization for children and adults with dual diagnosis (developmental disabilities and emotional / psychiatric disorders), as well as autism, Down’s syndrome, Tourette’s syndrome, Prader Willi, and other rare conditions. MukiBaum has evolved into a multi-service treatment agency which provides innovative, unique and individualized day treatment and residential services to the people it serves.

Since its inception, MukiBaum has pioneered the use of psychotherapy, including play, music and art therapy in the treatment of people with complex disabilities. In addition, sensory therapy has become an integral part of all of MukiBaum’s programs thus meeting the needs of the children and adults who suffer from various sensory challenges.

MukiBaum Treatment Centres has been transforming the lives of children and adults with

complex disabilities for over 29 years. Its' mission is to provide children and adults with complex disabilities the opportunity to develop their talents, actualize their potential, fulfill their ability, achieve personal growth and become contributing members of society.

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