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Children's Aid Society of Toronto appoints new executive director

Experienced Leader and Child Advocate Takes on New Role

Toronto—The Board of the Children's Aid Society of Toronto is pleased to announce the appointment of David Rivard to the position of Executive Director, effective January 14, 2008.

“David is a proven leader in the child welfare sector and a strong advocate for the rights of children. We are looking forward to working with him to continue CAS of Toronto's strong track record of effective service to vulnerable children and families in Toronto,” said Lisa R. Lifshitz, President of the Board of Directors.

“We searched for a candidate who would build on the agency's existing strengths of innovation and forging community partnerships to support children and families. David's experience in organizational growth, and community building, coupled with his child welfare leadership experience, make him an excellent fit,” said Stephen Lewis, Chair of the Search Committee and Past President.

Rivard is currently Executive Director of Children's Aid Society of the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin, a position he has held for the past seven years. He was previously Executive Director of The Family Counselling Centre of Sault Ste. Marie and District and has also worked with The Family Service Bureau of Brantford and Brantford County, and the New Sudbury Community Service Centre. Rivard holds an M.S.W. from Wilfrid Laurier University. He has been an Adjunct Professor in Social Welfare and Social Work at a number of Canadian and American Universities over a period of twenty years, teaching courses on social policy; child abuse and neglect; and Canadian/International Social Welfare.

Rivard has authored/co-authored a number of publications, articles and books on healthy personal and organizational growth and is regularly invited to speak at conferences, seminars, workshops and symposiums. He has also conducted research in the areas of poverty and divorce.

The Children's Aid Society of Toronto is one of the largest child welfare organizations in North America. It is an incorporated not-for-profit agency governed by a volunteer board of directors and funded by the Province of Ontario. For 26,491 children and 11,835 families, CAS of Toronto is their hope for a brighter future, protecting children from abuse including neglect, helping parents build healthy families, and providing a safe, nurturing place for children and young adults to grow up and realize their dreams.

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