



Public Service Announcement February 6, 2008

FAMILY PRACTICE TO OPEN IN FORMER LAKEFIELD DAY CLINIC

[PETERBOROUGH] The Peterborough Region's Physician Recruiter, John MacDonald, is pleased to announce that Dr. Laverne Arthur will be opening a full time family practice in Lakefield, effective **March 1, 2008**. Dr. Arthur will take over the space that currently houses the Lakefield Day Clinic.

The Lakefield Day Clinic will cease operation as of Friday, February 29, 2008.

The Lakefield Day Clinic has been financially supported by Lakefield businessman, Mr. Nick Lalani, and his wife Mary for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Lalani recently announced they would no longer be able to continue supporting the operations of the Lakefield Day Clinic as they have already invested over \$250,000 in support.

Coincidentally, and to the great excitement of the Lakefield Primary Health Care Campaign, Mr. MacDonald has been able to introduce Dr. Arthur to the community of Lakefield and with the support of a number of partners, the Lakefield Day Clinic space will now be utilized by Dr. Arthur's full time family practice.

Dr. Arthur has a special interest in serving elderly patients but will be rostering all new patients through lists already in place from the former Day Clinic and from those who have registered with the Office of Primary Care (740-8020). New patients will be notified by Dr. Arthur's office directly. The public is requested not to phone Dr. Arthur's office seeking to be put on a list.

With ongoing support from Mr. and Mrs. Lalani, the Townships of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield and Duoro-Dummer, Dr. Arthur will be able to expedite the conversion of the Day Clinic to his family practice until the new Lakefield Primary Healthcare Centre is up and running.

Speaking on behalf of the Lakefield Primary Healthcare Campaign, Glenda Newson stated that "this is a very exciting announcement and another step towards having all the pieces come together in making the vision of having a new medical clinic in Lakefield come to fruition".

Mr. MacDonald also stated that "with this third family physician showing an interest in a new clinic in Lakefield we will continue to be aggressive in our recruiting efforts for Lakefield along with all the other areas within the County and City".

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