

Executive Director of The Movement Centre of Manitoba To Retire After 20 years of Exemplary Leadership



MARGY NELSON

After 20 years as Executive Director and Co-Founder of The Movement Centre of Manitoba, Margy Nelson has announced her retirement, effective June 1st. The Board of Directors expresses its tremendous gratitude for her leadership, vision and years of service. “Margy has dedicated more than two decades to the development, implementation, growth and success of The Movement Centre of Manitoba and Conductive Education rehabilitation. Her work has helped improve the lives of countless mobility challenged children, adults and their families.” says Tim Steadman, Board Chair.

“Margy’s unwavering commitment and hard work has created a successful charitable organization that has been recognized locally and throughout North America for its leading efforts in advancing awareness about the benefits of Conductive Education rehabilitation.”

What began as a mother’s quest to get her son Bryce more help with his cerebral palsy, has grown into a community where others with neuro motor challenges find increased independence and support. Under Nelson’s leadership, The Movement Centre is recognized as Canada’s premiere Conductive Education rehabilitation facility. It is one of only two centres in the country that provides Conductive Education rehabilitation to clients from early childhood to well into senior years.

In February of this year, Margy was recognized for her tireless dedication to providing the highest quality of Conductive Education services. She was awarded with an Honorary Life Member Designation by The Association of Conductive Education in North America (ACENA). “This recognition is reserved as an opportunity to thank an individual for his/her outstanding contributions to ACENA and Conductive Education in North America.” says Andrea Benyovszky, ACENA president. She adds “This award has only been given two other times in ACENA history; it’s a small sign of our gratitude for all Margy has done for the Conductive Education community.” Margy is invited to the ACENA conference in late August to receive the award.

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“As I look back, I am filled with overwhelming pride and joy! The Movement Centre has always been a “labor of love”, and it has been my privilege to be a part of this dynamic entity. I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with countless individuals over the years who have had a significant impact on the success of our Centre. The committed, compassionate staff create a sense of “family” – a place where our clients feel a connection, have a purpose, have a sense of belonging, and together, work toward achieving their personal goals. As well, the Board members, volunteers, and financial supporters ensure that The Movement Centre continues to thrive - providing Conductive Education rehabilitation to Manitobans who benefit from our services. “– says Nelson. She continues, “Looking to the future, it feels good knowing The Movement Centre is in a strong position.

Olivia Doerksen, the newly appointed Executive Director, joins The Movement Centre on May 7th.

ABOUT THE MOVEMENT CENTRE OF MANITOBA.

The Movement Centre of Manitoba is a non-profit organization that is committed to improving the physical health of children and adults with physical disabilities. Through the teachings of Conductive Education we strive to maximize the independence of our clients.

We provide movement and learning opportunities with appropriate motivations and expectations, in order to overcome the challenges faced by the physically impaired population.

Conductive Education is effective for those individuals with cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, stroke, acquired brain injury, and Parkinson’ disease.

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