

Gary Carr proud of new Early Learning and Child Care Agreement

On May 6th, 2005 Prime Minister Paul Martin, Social Development Minister Ken Dryden, and Ontario Minister of Children and Youth Services Dr. Marie Bountrogianni, announced the country's third federal-provincial Agreement in Principle that will support the development of early learning and child care (ELCC) for young children and their families in Ontario.

"During that last election, Prime Minister Paul Martin, and I made a commitment to Halton constituents that an early learning and child care agreement would be signed. Last Friday, this was actualized, another promise made, promise kept", said M.P. Gary Carr.

The agreement outlines the principles and goals that will regulate early learning and child care for children under six. The Governments of Canada and Ontario will work with other provinces and territories to help in the creation of effective early learning and child care programming. The Federal Government has committed \$5 billion over five years to help build an early learning and child care system in every

province and territory, and committed to federal support that will go beyond five years.

The bilateral agreement will ensure the provinces have the flexibility to determine the most effective way to deliver programs in their own jurisdictions. The agreement will also help ensure provincial and territorial governments implement programs with specific, measurable objectives and meet national commitments for early learning and childcare.

Government research indicates that investments in early child development are far more important than at any other time in a person's life. The majority of kids under the age of six are receiving child care in some form. Yet only one in five is in regulated care, a number that has barely changed in the last decade.

"This agreement is an important counter stone in Canada's social framework," said M.P. Carr, "I am proud that our Government has delivered on this promise and has invested in our children, and in our future," Maintained M.P. Carr.

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"Spring Dance For Life - Cancer Fundraiser"

On Saturday, April 30 at the Milton Lions Hall, Mrs. Azzura Faggion hosted, along with family and friends, the fifth annual "Spring Dance for Life - Cancer Fundraiser", in support of the Canadian Cancer Society and its work of research and patient services.

The evening was highlighted by a home cooked Italian Feast, dance, and a presentation by students of the 'Dance Shop'.

This event raised more than \$5000.00 for the Cancer Society. In total, since it began five years ago over \$12,000.00 has been raised by this event.

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