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**Dr. Sue MacLean wins Best
Family Doctor Award**

Listening to Dr. Sue MacLean speak, it is easy to see why her patients voted her the best family doctor in the *Markham Economist & Sun* and the *Stouffville Tribune's Readers Choice Awards*.

Dr. MacLean, her husband Dr. Jim MacLean and Dr. Stephen McLaren opened Markham Family Physicians on Main Street Markham, 14-years ago.

"We each had one patient on October 1, 1984. Now (the clinic) has 35,000 patients."

From the beginning, Markham Family Physicians had a walk-in clinic with evening hours and a doctor who was on call all night.

In 1992, Markham Family Physicians moved to the hospital grounds.

The clinic — which now boasts 12 doctors and 35,000 patients — offers many advantages. Not only does being close to doctors and specialists at the hospital help the doctors at Markham Family Physician stay current in their skills and knowledge, it is also convenient for the patient who just has to go down the hall to have testing completed.

GOING ELECTRONIC

A new information system initiative between the clinic and Markham Stouffville Hospital will be launched in March.

The initiative will focus on the creation of electronic medical records.

This will increase office efficiency and give physicians fast access to all test results.

THANKING THOSE WHO HELP

Dr. Sue MacLean with nine-month-old Adam Parker. Adam's mom, grandmother and greatgrandmother all go to Dr. MacLean.

Dr. MacLean said she owes much of her success to the doctors, nurses and support staff who work in the clinic.

"There are many reasons for my success. The staff at my office, most of whom have been here 10 years, are efficient and compassionate.

And it is her partners, she said, who make coming to, and being at, work a pleasure.

And everyone benefits from having so many doctors in one clinic.

Dr. MacLean said she is able to get a second opinion from a doctor within the same office and, when she is having a problem, there is always someone to talk to.

"I always have people to talk to when I have had a complex patient or had to give a patient bad news.

"(While keeping the patient's confidentiality), I am able to talk about my feelings with my colleagues.



**Markham Stouffville Hospital and its
Department of Family Practice**

congratulate

**Dr. Sue MacLean on winning the
Markham Economist and Sun / Stouffville Tribune's
1998 READERS CHOICE AWARDS.
Best General Practitioner**