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PLAY DAY

Jeremy Boadway (from left), 5, works with teacher Liana Hrynewich while his mom, Bridget Boadway, helps his sister, Sadie, 2, at the Tot Spot play group in Stouffville United Church. The co-op, which was founded in 1980, is holding an open house this week. For more information, see page 4.



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WELLNESS

Warm welcome for town's new health centres

MDs, walk-in clinic part of Tenth Line facility

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Doors to the Wishing Well Health Centre aren't even open yet and it has received more than two dozen calls from families wanting to become patients of the general practitioner, who, along with a dentist and a number of other health care providers, are expected to open up new practices at the end of this month.

"Stouffville seems to be the place to be. The community is growing faster than the services can keep up. There is a need," said Farrah Jethwani, director of marketing for Wishing Well Property Management.

"It's nice, as a health care practitioner to be where you are needed," she said.

The facility is at 12637 Tenth Line, just north of the Stouffville Country Market, in the former Choko Authentic Apparel offices.

"I'm in. How do we do it," was Councillor Richard Bartley's reaction when he first heard about the potential clinic in his ward a couple of years ago, he said.

"I think we need to welcome them with open arms and take down as much red tape as possible," he said.

Without any promotion, the dental office opened Jan. 17 and already has a number of

Governor General honours young hero

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Michael Foster hopes to be able to put June 2, 2010 away for good some day.

But he keeps being reminded of it - most recently by the Governor General of Canada.

The 15-year-old Stouffville District Sec-

ondary School student was at Rideau Hall in Ottawa last week receiving one of 46 Medals of Bravery presented by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston.

The youngest of the medal recipients was honoured for stopping the family's dog from attacking his mother, Denise, and a brother, Caleb, at her home near Ballantrae

on that memorable spring day almost three years ago.

The brothers, who have seven siblings each, were getting ready for bed.

Caleb went to give Michael a hug when the dog, an American bulldog named Pac, lunged at the boys. Michael stepped in

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