



Appointment of New Executive Director

October 8, 2009

Dear Friends of Family Service Thames Valley,

I have exciting news to share with you. After a thoughtful process, the Board of Directors of Family Service Thames Valley is pleased to announce the appointment of Sandra Savage to the position of Executive Director effective October 7, 2009. We believe that Sandra is exceptionally well-suited to lead FSTV given her educational background, experience and skills set.

Sandra will be responsible for the overall operational management of FSTV while maintaining a focus on furthering the organization's mission and implementing the Strategic Plan.



As Sandra explained, "I decided to put my name forward for the permanent Executive Director position based on my enduring belief that Family Service agencies provide a critical service response to the community, a service model that allows for creativity and responsiveness to community needs, and the core values of compassion, dignity, respect and empowerment that are embodied in the approach to service".

Sandra has a long history of success. Most notably, she served as the Executive Director of Family Services York Region for seven years where she led the amalgamation of three smaller Family Service agencies. At FSTV, we have benefited from Sandra's clinical expertise as the Director of Community Counselling Program for the past four years, and as the Clinical Director between 1989 and 1995. Sandra's dedication to building community partnerships and advocating for those most marginalized in our community, in addition to her teaching and research, will be an asset in her role as Executive Director and serve to strengthen FSTV's work in these areas.

Sandra received her Master of Social Work from Smith College School of Social Work, Northampton, Massachusetts and her Bachelor of Social Work from King's College, University of Western Ontario.

As Family Service Thames Valley enters its eighth decade of service to the community, we are excited about the vision, leadership and expertise that Sandra will bring to our organization. We look forward to strengthening our relationship with you as we continue to work together to make our community a brighter place for those in need.

Sincerely,

Susan Macphail, Chair
Board of Directors

