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Alex Munter to leave Youth Services Bureau to take on a new challenge

Ottawa, October 29, 2010—Mike Baine, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa, announced today that Alex Munter will leave his position as YSB's Executive Director in January.

Mr. Munter will become the new Chief Executive Officer of the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). The Champlain LHIN is responsible for planning, co-ordinating and funding over 200 health and social service agencies across eastern Ontario, including hospitals, long-term care homes, homecare, community health centres, addictions and mental health agencies and community support services.

"Thanks to Alex's dynamic leadership and the commitment and skill of our staff, the past few years have been great ones for YSB. We have strengthened our programs and Alex has moved us forward so we can more effectively and efficiently achieve our mission—helping youth and families in Ottawa. As we celebrate YSB's 50th birthday in 2010, we are well positioned for our next 50 years," said Mr. Baine.

"I have truly loved being part of the YSB team. It's been a joy to work with people so sincerely committed to making a real difference in the lives of young people. I will miss them," said Mr. Munter.

Mr. Munter became YSB Executive Director in early 2007. Since then, the non-profit organization has grown by nearly one-third, expanding programming for youth and families. Highlights have included:

- The launch of an award-winning addictions/mental health/primary care health clinic for street-involved youth in the downtown core.
- New employment programs to help at-risk youth find and keep jobs.
- The establishment of a youth mental health hub.
- Innovative programs to help young offenders turn their lives around.
- Renewal of the agency's governance and administration, including new procurement and quality assurance processes.
- The launch of the new YSB Charitable Foundation, thus expanding community support for the important work of the agency.

Mr. Baine said the Board of Directors will meet next week to organize the process of finding a replacement for Mr. Munter.



An accredited children's mental health centre, YSB is one of the largest and most comprehensive non-profit agencies serving youth in this community. Founded in 1960, the agency has 350 caring professionals working from 20 locations across Ottawa to deliver a vast range of programs and services that support at-risk youth and their families. In honour of YSB's 50th anniversary, United Way/Centraide named YSB as Community Builder of the Year for 2010.

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