



***Don Efron
receives the
2009 Elizabeth Manson Award
for Community Service
in Children's Mental Health!***

Don Efron, a thirty year plus Child and Family Therapist with Vanier, was selected as this year's recipient of this award established by the Department of Psychiatry (Hospital for Sick Children) to honour Elizabeth Manson's dedication to the promotion of children's mental health. It is presented annually to an individual who has been instrumental in the development of new treatment approaches, creative program design, or administrative innovations, or who has been recognized as consistently providing superior quality care to children and families affected by mental health problems. This award is intended to honour individuals working in the community, and is presented at the annual conference organized by Children's Mental Health Ontario. Don is the first clinician to receive this award.

Don is currently the founding coordinator of the "Focused Family Therapy & Clinical Training Program" at Vanier. Many interns and students have benefitted from his knowledge during the past four years, as have the children and families receiving counseling services. Don is the "Editor Emeritus" of the Journal of Systemic Therapies, which he began in 1980 (then known as the Journal of Strategic and Systemic Therapies-Guilford Press). In 1988, Don also led a trial of strategic family therapy known as the "Tiger Shark Model". He initiated a professional consultation group in London Ontario which is continuing to meet. Don has taught courses at the Hincks-Dellcrest Centre, and has attracted professionals and students to work at Vanier Children's Services over the years.

Vanier is delighted that Don's work has been recognized in this way!

