

## **Providence Care leadership conference brings daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu to Kingston**

**Kingston, ON (September 22, 2008)** - Rev. Mpho Tutu will speak to hundreds of regional health care staff and community members on Friday, September 26 at Providence Care's Annual Leadership Conference, *Leading With Intention*.

This is the second consecutive year for the day-long Leadership Conference, which will be held at St. Lawrence College. Intended as a learning opportunity for Providence Care's staff, the sold-out event also includes a wide range of community members.

"Providence Care is committed to supporting professional development and developing leadership capacity within our organization," said Dale Kenney, Providence Care President & CEO. "By investing in our staff we are equipping them to lead both at work and in the community."

The Leadership Conference, *Leading With Intention*, is the final event in a week of learning sessions and opportunities launching today for physicians, staff and students across Providence Care.

Rev. Mpho Tutu said her keynote address Friday will focus on working together, and discovering our individual call to leadership.

"To be a leader does not always and only mean to stand head and shoulders above the crowd," Tutu said. "Sometimes genuine leadership is expressed by being a supportive and loyal follower, rallying the team around someone else's vision. Real leadership is, ultimately, being true to your own calling."

Rev. Tutu is the daughter of Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu. She is also an Episcopal priest and the founder and Executive Director of the Tutu Institute for Prayer and Pilgrimage. Rev. Tutu will be joined at the conference by other guest presenters, including Dr. Bob Stilger, Dr. Mark Parnes and Michael Jones. Stilger is co-president of the Berkana Institute, a nonprofit institute that works with communities and pioneering leaders in all types of organizations throughout the world; Parnes is an Ohio-based physician and Jones is a pianist and leadership consultant in Ontario.

*Providence Care is the leading provider of specialized care for some of the most vulnerable patients in southeastern Ontario – including the frail elderly, people coping with chronic illness, stroke survivors and those living with serious mental illness. One of Kingston's university hospitals, Providence Care has three main sites in Kingston: Mental Health Services, St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital and Providence Manor, as well as 18 community locations. Affiliated with Queen's University, Providence Care is a major centre for teaching and research.*

**Media interested in hearing Rev. Mpho Tutu's keynote address are asked to RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 25 to arrange a media pass.**

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