

## Glengarda gets \$5.5 million for new building

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Glengarda Child and Family Services received a \$5.5 million grant from the province to fund its new facility, which is currently under construction.

By November, the agency is expected to take up residence at a former linen facility on the Western Campus of Windsor Regional Hospital, on Connaught and Chappell streets.

Against the backdrop of pick-up trucks and construction vans, Sandra Pupatello, MPP Windsor West, and Dwight Duncan, MPP Windsor St. Clair, were on hand Wednesday to make the announcement at the new site.

"It's a building we can all be proud of," said Mark Donlon, executive director. "It'll allow us to serve needy children better than we already do."

Each year, Glengarda serves about 1,000 children with social, emotional, behavioural and mental health problems, and their families, said Donlon.

He said the 30,000 square foot facility's new features include larger rooms to allow for more individualized activity, special rooms for play and relaxation therapy, more greenspace and paved surfaces for outdoor play.

Not only is this building good for the children, it is also environmentally friendly.

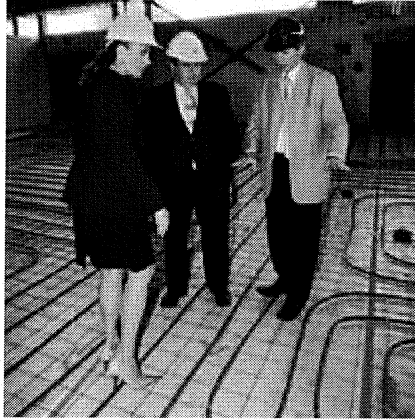
Architect Joseph Passa said it is 75 per cent more energy efficient than the standards required by the Ontario Building Code. This will amount to about \$34,000 in annual savings, he said.

In addition, the facility will feature a green roof with more than 9,600 plants. This green design feature aids in the cooling of the building.

"This should be a beacon to everyone in the province," said Duncan, of Glengarda's green design concept.

Above all else, Donlon said he is excited to relocate into a building that is designed for kids.

"It'll be wonderful to move into a structure that has that end in mind," he said.



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 Architect Joseph Passa, right, gives MPPs Dwight Duncan and Sandra Pupatello a tour of the Glengarda Child and Family Services building being reconstructed from the former linen facility at the Western Campus of the Windsor Regional Hospital.

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