

## News Release

### Popular Canadian Stars Are Oolagen's First Patrons

Toronto, Ontario – Oolagen Community Services is proud to announce that Colin Mochrie and Debra McGrath, two of Canada's most popular actors and comedians, will jointly become the organization's first Patrons. The couple lives in Toronto and has a grown-up son in New York.

"We are honoured to take on this role," said Debra, "after all children are our future and Oolagen's mantra to Never Give Up On Kids is an important message for our times. We want to do something to make sure every kid gets the best start in life".

"Yes, we can all do something to help and Debra and I want to use every opportunity we can to get that awareness across", adds Colin Mochrie.

Colin is currently touring North America with The Mochrie Sherwood Show and is slated to star in 'ART' at Canadian Stage in March 2010. His work in movies and television includes This Hour Has 22 Minutes, The Drew Carey Show, Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader and Whose Line Is It Anyway. Debra's new tour Women Fully Clothed – Older and Hotter starts in May 2009. She is well known for her work in television including her recurring role as the Mayor on the hit CBC show Little Mosque On The Prairie. She is also known for her work in Women Fully Clothed, Paradise Falls, Getting Along Famously and Seven Little Monsters.

Bob Engel, Oolagen's Executive Director commented "We are extremely fortunate to have Colin and Debra as our Patrons. They bring tremendous sensitivity and commitment to the role and it will be a joy to work alongside them".

For more than forty years, Oolagen has pioneered the development of innovative and cost-effective programs that help young people work through devastating issues that impede their success in school and in life. Some of the difficulties young people endure every day include violence in the home, sexual abuse, family pressures or gang violence. The charity is a University of Toronto teaching facility and existing programs include school-based mental health services, residential treatment, services to assist Young Mothers at Risk, Intensive Services, Out-patient Counselling and a Walk-in Clinic.