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NATIONAL INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AWARD PRESENTED TO DR. VIANNE TIMMONS

Toronto, ON – February 25, 2010 – Tonight at Ryerson University in Toronto, Dr. Vianne Timmons will be presented with the “*National Inclusive Education Award*” by the Canadian Association Community Living (CACL), at the Opening Plenary of a National Conference on Inclusive Education – *From Rhetoric to Reality*.

Dr. Vianne Timmons is the President of the University of Regina – the first woman to fill the top job at the university as she took over the reins in July 2008. Dr. Timmons, a professor of education, has successfully served as the chairwoman of the education department at St. Francis Xavier University and was the first woman dean of education at the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI).

“Dr. Timmons is receiving this honour not only for her deserving research and academic work, but because she has complemented that work with a commitment to inclusive education that comes from her experiences as a parent,” says Bendina Miller, CACL President. “The passion she brings to the question of inclusion has been appreciated by both parents and professionals across Canada and in the developing world where she has also devoted her time and many talents to fostering inclusive education.”

“Her recent research on the health and well-being of children with disabilities based on the Statistics Canada Disability Survey – Participation and Activities Limitation Survey (PALS) has been influential, showing that children with disabilities benefit from inclusive settings in the classroom,” said Michael Bach, Executive Vice-President of CACL. “She is uniquely deserving of this award.”

The future of an inclusive Canada begins with the recognition that people with intellectual disabilities should be treated equally, and that starts with being fully included and supported in their regular neighbourhood schools and classrooms.

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About the Canadian Association for Community Living

The Canadian Association for Community Living is a Canada-wide association of family members and others working to advance the human rights and inclusion of persons of all ages who have an intellectual disability.

Founded in 1958 by parents of children with intellectual disabilities who wanted supports and services within the community instead of in institutions, CACL has become one of Canada's ten largest charitable organizations, and has grown into a federation of 10 provincial and three territorial associations comprising of 420 local associations and over 40,000 members.

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