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## **Success By 6 Peel Director Moving On** ***Elena DiBattista to be honoured March 10 for her lasting contribution***

**Mississauga** – When you gather a group of organizations and individuals together to work for a joint cause, you need a champion. When that cause is ensuring all young children in Peel have the opportunity to fulfill their potential, the champion is **Elena DiBattista, Director of [Success By 6 Peel](#)**.

On March 10, friends and colleagues from the Success By 6 Peel community and beyond will gather to thank Elena for her lasting contribution as she departs for a new position with “Our Kids Network” in Halton Region.

“From the moment she arrived at Success By 6, Elena worked tirelessly to implement a bold and ambitious plan for the organization’s growth,” said **Shelley White, CEO of [United Way of Peel Region](#)**. Establishing Success By 6 as a model of collaboration in the field of early child development, Ms. DiBattista worked closely with a network of community organizations and partners.

She had a strong vision for the organization and under her direction Success By 6 Peel developed and implemented new approaches to the many challenges facing families with young children in Peel Region. Some significant accomplishments during her five-year tenure include the Peel Children’s Charter of Rights, the first Peel Success By 6 report, *Community Report Card – A Snapshot of Our Children in Peel*, the launch of the innovative LION (Learning In Our Neighbourhood) initiative, and in 2009, release of the landmark report, *The Status of Children in Peel 2009*.

“Elena had the ability to keep us all inspired and interested in getting new initiatives off the ground,” said **John Huether, Chair of Success By 6 Peel**. Ms. DiBattista was only one of a select few in Canada to be appointed as a Fellow on the Council of Early Child Development.

“In recognition of Elena’s commitment to improving the lives of young children and to create a lasting legacy in her name, we are establishing a scholarship fund,” said Ms. White. “It will be dedicated to fostering continued awareness of and engagement in the Peel Children’s Charter of Rights.”

The farewell event for Ms. Di Battista is taking place on **March 10, 2010** at the **Best Western Hotel, 5825 Dixie Road in Mississauga** between **5:00 and 7:00 pm**.

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### **About Success By 6 Peel**

Success By 6 Peel is a regional collaborative with more than forty partners drawn from business, labour, education, recreation, health, human services and government. The United Way of Peel Region holds the Success By 6 Peel license and has empowered the collaborative to lead the way in closing gaps in services and supports so our youngest children have the opportunity to develop to their full potential. [www.successby6peel.ca](http://www.successby6peel.ca).