

Joanne Murphy Professorship in Neuroscience Research: First holder introduced

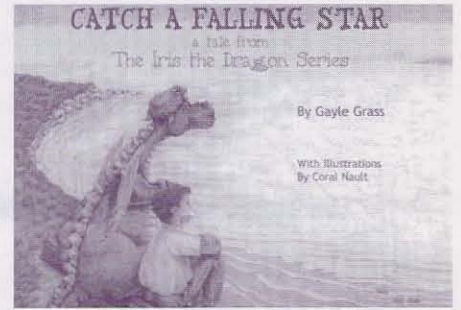
In the fall of 1999, the Friends of Joanne Murphy for Neuroscience Research held a reception at the Rosedale Golf Club to launch their project, which was part of the Centred on Hope Campaign. Friends and family of Joanne Murphy, a young lawyer whose struggle with schizophrenia caused her death at age 35, came together to raise funds in her name for a professorship in neuroscience research.

On September 24th, almost exactly two years later, another reception was held, this time a celebration. The group achieved their \$1 million dollar goal, and campaign leaders, donors and Centre representatives met and welcomed Dr. Fabio Macciardi, MD, PhD, the first holder of the Joanne Murphy Professorship in Neuroscience.

Dr. Macciardi becomes Head, Unit of Biostatistics and Genetic Epidemiology, Section of Neurogenetics at the Centre,

and Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto. He has received many awards, fellowships and distinctions, most recently a NARSAD Independent Investigator Award. He will play a key role in bridging the different levels of neuroscience to coordinate research efforts and results, and work to translate the hard work and generosity of the Friends of Joanne Murphy into discoveries, solutions and ultimately a better world for those facing mental illness.

For their generosity, courage and leadership, we are very grateful to Joanne's parents, Harold and Mary Agnes Murphy, and to the entire Murphy family, who were presented with an engraved silver platter. Vahan and Susie Kololian, family friends of the Murphys, shared in the leadership of this campaign, and were thanked for their dedication and commitment. ■



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Dr. Joe Beitchman, the Centre's Clinical Director of Child Psychiatry, recently spoke at a launch of a new book for children, *Catch a Falling Star : A Tale from Iris the Dragon*. Using a fairy story, it introduces children and their parents to the early warning signs of mental illness and stresses the importance of early intervention.

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L-R: VAHAN KOLOLIAN, MARY AGNES MURPHY, FABIO MACCIARDI, SUSIE KOLOLIAN AND HAROLD MURPHY.

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