

Autism Society Canada Welcomes New Executive Director

Autism Society Canada is very pleased to announce the recent appointment of our new



Executive Director, Kathleen Provost. Kathleen comes to ASC with more than a dozen years of experience in the not-for-profit sector specializing in administration, fundraising and public relations. She is fluently bilingual, has a strong interest in developmental disability issues and brings an extensive background in charitable fundraising to ASC.

As Vice President Marketing & Development for CARE Canada, Kathleen built a team responsible to raise annual funds across the country, focusing on emergency in a variety of specialized programs. Kathleen has wide-ranging experience in coordinating Annual Direct Mail Programs; Golf Tournaments and Triathlon events, be it provincial activities as she did for Quebec Easter Seals or local third party fundraising activities.

Her challenges varied from overseeing the administrative structure of the Montreal YWCA's Foundation and managing its \$10 million-dollar Capital Campaign; to working with Ketchum Canada on a \$12 million-dollar Capital Campaign for St. Mary's Hospital Foundation. She successfully worked in positioning Nature Conservancy of Canada in Quebec which surpassed a goal of \$15 million for an unprecedented \$18.6 million-dollar Campaign for Conservation.

Throughout her career, Kathleen has remained an active volunteer and was recently appointed as a Director of Scout Canada Foundation. She also serves her profession as Vice-President to the Board of Directors of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) for the Ottawa Chapter.

Kathleen looks forward to working to strengthen Autism Society Canada's financial capacity, allowing more support for its member societies across the country and strengthening the ASD community and all its stakeholders. Kathleen fully supports ASC's vision to ensure that all Canadians with ASD achieve their individual potential; and that they and their families and caregivers receive the recognition, services and supports they so deserve.