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Hastings CAS to host free workshop for parents... "Unconditional Commitment: The Only Love That Matters"

Hastings Children's Aid Society invites all parents to attend a free workshop with Pat O'Brien - the Founder & Executive Director of You Gotta Believe! The Older Child Adoption & Permanency Movement Inc. - on Monday, March 29 from 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm at Alumni Hall, Loyalist College, Belleville.

Mr. O'Brien, a graduate of Columbia University with a Master of Science degree in Social Work, was recently honoured as an "Angel in Adoption" by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute for his 20 years of work in the field of older child adoption.

Nicole Broderick, HCAS Supervisor, Children Services, says Mr. O'Brien will discuss the need to care for children and youth unconditionally. "This workshop is geared totally towards parents," said Broderick. "Mr. O'Brien will discuss the skills needed to deal with children and teens during hard times and talk about how parents can find the strength from within to deal with even the most difficult of children and youth."

To register, call Ann Lynch at 613-962-9291 ext. 2306 or email ann.lynch@hastingscas.org by Thursday, March 25.

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Media Note: Nicole Broderick, HCAS Supervisor, Children Services and Pat Gamble, HCAS Manager, Resources and keynote speaker, Pat O'Brien, will be available for interviews and photo opportunities between 6.15-6.45 pm March 29 at Loyalist College.