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SOS Children's Village B.C. Welcomes Experienced Therapist to Clinical Team

Surrey, British Columbia With B.C. Child and Youth in Care Week coming to a close, SOS Children's Village B.C. is pleased to announce the addition of **Rachel Madu**, M.A. to its programming team in the position of Clinical Lead. Rachel and Clinical Director Dr. Lise' DeLong, Ph.D, CPCRT, CCCM will lead the transition of the charity's Surrey village into a Therapeutic Village, focused on Trauma Informed Care, Permanency, and Sibling Groups.

"Rachel is passionate about assisting children and adults in finding a safe, secure place that allows them to contribute to the world," said Dr. Lise' DeLong. **"Her background as a 'Trauma Informed' therapist allows her to not only reach out to traumatized individuals in an educated manner, but her kind, caring, soul provides her with an intuitive resource for compassion."**

"We formally welcome Rachel into an incredible team of professionals and into a village of children that will soak in all the passion she has to offer. I am confident as we work together, we will create a model program for all SOS villages around the globe."

Rachel Madu has been working with families experiencing challenges for more than 15 years – families made through birth, foster-caregiving, and adoption. She has a Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology, and training and experience in Clinical Supervision and Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioural Therapy.

"What a great honour it is to come and work with the children and families at SOS Children's Village B.C.," said Rachel Madu. **"I am looking forward to serving the children and families in the village and working with this dynamic and skilled team.** I am eager to see what we can do together, in the realm of therapy, to bring healing."

About SOS Children's Village BC

SOS Children's Villages is the world's largest non-governmental, non-denominational child development organization for orphaned and abandoned children. It has existed for over 65 years with presence in 134 countries and 553 Villages. British Columbia is home to the only SOS Children's Village in Canada. SOS Children's Village BC provides stable homes, a supportive and healing Village environment, and community-based family care programs to help foster children and youth in need grow into caring, self-reliant adults.



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