



**Gail Courtnage, Board Member** - Gail recently relocated to St. Marys from Edmonton after retiring from over 25 years in the field of social work. The past 20 years were spent working in the area of child, adolescent and family mental health in a variety of settings, including outpatient, day treatment, residential treatment and community work. Prior to social work she spent 5 years working as a high school teacher. While working with children and adolescents is one passion, Gail was able to combine her other passion, a love for animals, with this by engaging in animal-assisted therapy for many years. She feels strongly in the ability of animals to help create a safe place for clients to begin their journey to health.

Having volunteered for several animal rescue organizations she was also on the board of Dogs With Wings in Edmonton. Dogs With Wings provides service dogs to persons with autism and other disabilities.

Gail is excited to continue contributing to child and adolescent mental health by serving as a board member. She hopes to bring her enthusiasm and knowledge to help support the wonderful work of the Huron-Perth Centre.