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**Kathie Russell returns to the CDSA as Team Manager**

Her experience and leadership are sure to be great assets to the Women's Volleyball Team

**Montréal, January 8, 2023** – The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Kathie Russell to the position of Manager of Canada's Women's Volleyball Team. Ms. Russell, who lives in Milton, Ontario, was appointed by the Executive Director and a selection committee.

Ms. Russell will manage the Women's Volleyball team in preparation for the Pan American Qualifier in 2023 or 2024. With this qualification, the Canadian team will be able to take part in the Summer Deaflympics in Japan in November 2025.

Following studies in the Deaf Education Program at York University and at world-renowned Gallaudet University, Ms. Russell has worked as a teacher in various schools for Deaf students for the past 25+ years.

Her progression within the CDSA has been impressive, as can be seen by her track record:

- ✓ From 2005 to 2011, she was the CDSA's Chief of Mission or Assistant Chief of Mission for the following events:
  - 17th Winter Deaflympics, Vysoké Tatry, Slovakia (cancelled)
  - 21st Summer Deaflympics, Taipei, Taiwan
  - 16th Winter Deaflympics, Salt Lake City, United States
  - 20th Summer Deaflympics, Melbourne, Australia
- ✓ Coordinator and Captain of the Women's Volleyball Team at the 19th Summer Deaflympics, Rome, Italy

"Ms. Russell, who will be working with the Canadian Women's Volleyball Team's two coaches, is an organized professional with proven teaching and coaching skills who can also focus on athletes' individual needs. The CDSA's women's volleyball program features several new-generation players – that's why Ms. Russell's appointment is so timely. She'll be developing a competitive team in the years ahead and providing exciting opportunities both to athletes and to the CDSA as a whole," says Alain Turpin, CDSA Executive Director.

**About the CDSA:** The Canadian Deaf Sports Association is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the development of high-performance Deaf and hard-of-hearing athletes. Through direct financial support, the CDSA enables athletes to take part in international sports events sanctioned by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf and the Pan American Sports Committee for the Deaf.

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