

## **Ontario Home Care Association congratulates all three parties**

October 6, 2011 – The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) congratulates all candidates who made the commitment to public service by participating in the provincial election this year. As the OHCA poll suggested, Ontarians saw merit in the policies of all parties and voted accordingly. The outcome will require a new model of collaboration in order to serve Ontarians effectively.

Home care was a key component of the party platforms and, as an issue around which there is consensus, the OHCA encourages action on the home care commitments as soon as possible. Ontarians want to remain in their own homes”, said Sue VanderBent, OHCA Executive Director. “The challenge is to divert and sustain a commitment to enough resources to provide the necessary home care services to help people stay safe and independent at home.”

OHCA believes that shifting the focus to the community and organizing care around the individual at home are increasingly important elements to providing quality health care to Ontarians. A strong home care structure that appropriately utilizes and integrates all members of the team is essential to support good health outcomes and achieve a sustainable health care system.

OHCA commits to working collaboratively with the new government and health system partners to realize the right mix of care in order to keep Ontarians at home.

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### **About the OHCA**

The OHCA, *the voice of home care in Ontario*, is a membership association representing providers of quality home care services from across Ontario. OHCA members represent an estimated 25,000 staff collectively serving 300,000 Ontarians per year. OHCA works with families as integral partners in the delivery of home care services and as such estimates that 1.2 million Ontarians are impacted by members. OHCA is dedicated to promoting the growth and development of the home and community health care sector by helping to shape health care policy, supporting members to excel, and being a leading source of information on home and community care. OHCA members are accredited through Accreditation Canada, CARF, and/or registered with the International Standards Association (ISO).

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