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News Release

CACC Names Fran O'Hara as 2006 Marion Stephenson Award Winner

Ottawa, November 29, 2006. The Board of Directors and the President and CEO of the Canadian Association for Community Care take great pleasure in announcing that the winner of the 2006 Marion Stephenson Award is Ms. Fran O'Hara, Executive Director of the Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Access Centre (HNV CCAC) in southeastern Ontario.

Fran O'Hara has dedicated her entire career to advancing patient care in the community. She is a Registered Nurse who began her career with the VON, and has worked in both public health and home care, holding numerous supervisory and management positions. Over the course of 36 years, her work, whether direct care or managerial has always been devoted to patients in the community. Along the way, she earned a BA in Psychology in 1999 from Trent University. She is regarded as a dedicated professional whose openness, integrity, flexibility and respect for others are the hallmarks of her success.

Fran's accomplishments include initiating case management services in HNV CCAC hospitals, facilitating the introduction of primary health care services into local communities through Family Health Teams and Community Health Centres, helping transform four founding organizations into the new Central-East CCAC, developing support and funding for family caregivers, enhancing the School Program for Home Care, and developing RFP documentation that has become the best practice standard for service delivery contracts.

Established in 1996, the Marion Stephenson award annually recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of the community care sector. Nominated by CACC members and chosen by the Board, winners are individuals who have contributed in significant ways over many years. Their contributions may include research, policy development, administration, program/service delivery or direct service, or a combination of these.

The award is named for Marion Stephenson, the first recipient, in recognition of her contribution to community care education and her long-standing commitment to the Canadian Association for Community Care.

The President and CEO, the Board of Directors and the members of CACC congratulate Fran O'Hara.