



OHCA Bids Farewell to Steve Haas

Sept 21, 2006 – A reception was held to acknowledge Steve Haas, Vice President for ParaMed Home Health Care, Extendicare (Canada) Inc. after OHCA’s regular Board meeting. Steve, who is retiring at the end of November, has served on the OHCA Board since 1992 and has assumed the role of Board President for five terms – 1994/95, 1995/96, 1999/00, 2001/01 and 2005/06.

Both current and past staff and Board members attended the reception paying tribute to Steve’s commitment to quality home care and his efforts to advancing home care in Ontario through the collaboration of all organizations involved in the sector. “We are enormously grateful for Steve’s wisdom and mentorship,” said Lori Lord, President OHCA, in her remarks. She noted Steve’s passion for reading and pointed to a pile of what was clearly wrapped books to keep him busy in his retirement!

While not retiring until the end of November, this was the last OHCA Board meeting for Steve. His successor at ParaMed, Deborah Bakti will now represent ParaMed at the Board. Deborah joins Extendicare from Manpower where she has held progressively more senior positions over her 13-year career with that organization; most recently as the Regional Director, South West Ontario and Banking Division.

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The OHCA, *the voice of home care in Ontario*, represents Canadian home care service organizations that collectively employ over 30,000 staff and deliver quality home care to an estimated 250,000 Ontarians annually. The OHCA advocates for a strong, dependable and accessible home care system for Ontarians. OHCA members are accredited through the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA) or the International Standards Association (ISO).

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