



## **OHCA applauds government investment to support ‘Aging at Home’**

August 28, 2007:- The Board of the Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) applauds the Ontario government for its commitment to supporting Ontarians to age at home through today’s three year funding announcement by Health Minister Smitherman.

OHCA believes that an effective aging at home strategy will ensure that quality of life for aging Ontarians will be maintained by maximizing ongoing independence, delaying chronic disease, achieving social connectedness and dignity for the older person. “Home care is one of the key facets of a successful aging at home strategy,” said Sue VanderBent, Executive Director OHCA. “We believe that through proactive efforts by health and social care providers and improved collaboration not only within these sectors but with the broader community network, the understanding of the requirements for a successful "aging at home" strategy can be developed.”

The OHCA will work closely with the Ministry of Health, the 14 LHINs and health system partners to support the planning and implementation of this new comprehensive strategy that responds to the needs of our society over the next few years.

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### **About 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 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 the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA) and/or the International Standards Association (ISO).

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