



New Investments In Community Care Will Support Ontarians At Home

February 16, 2007: - The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) welcomes the announcement of the McGuinty Government's new \$13.7M investment in home care. This funding will support increased access to care in the home and build the capacity of the community to address health care system needs.

"The OHCA supports the transformation agenda in Ontario and believes that home care is vital to an effective integrated health care system. Our members are working with the LHINs to ensure that the potential of home care is maximized," said Lori Lord, OHCA President. "Home care will continue to grow in importance", said Sue VanderBent, Executive Director. "Collaboration with the Local Health Integration Networks and the Community Care Access Centres demonstrates 'systems thinking and action' as the transformation agenda progresses."

OHCA members deliver front-line nursing care, home support services, personal care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, dietetics, speech language therapy, home independence services and medical equipment and supplies in homes, schools and workplaces to over 400,000 people annually. OHCA membership is composed of home and community care organizations of all sizes and governance types.

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The OHCA, *the voice of home care in Ontario*, represents Canadian home care service organizations that deliver quality home care to individuals from across Ontario. 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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