



OHCA Symposium and AGM highlights importance of “Aging at Home”

May 23, 2008:- The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) Symposium entitled *Enabling Aging at Home*, followed by the Association’s Annual General Meeting was a great success.

Integration, collaboration and a population approach were some of the themes threaded throughout the day as Symposium speakers provided their insights on a health care system that “enables aging at home”. Executive Director Sue VanderBent drew on 2 ½ years of correspondence with a client’s wife to illustrate the importance of home care at a personal level. “It is this kind of letter and on-going conversation that fuels our understanding of what has to be done to improve our sector,” said VanderBent. “We must speak out as industry leaders and collectively, with our system partners about the needs of people to receive care in their homes and communities,” she added.

Newly elected OHCA President, Mike Pohanka concurred. “We need to continue to advocate for a robust home care system and work with our health system partners to advance solutions that will provide Ontarians with the right care at the right place,” said Pohanka.

The OHCA Annual Report and Sue VanderBent’s address can be found at www.homecareontario.ca.

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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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