



OHCA Applauds Canadian Home Care Association Report

June 30, 2006 – The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) congratulates the CHCA on the release of its report outlining the impact to the health care system as a result of the involvement of home care in primary health care renewal.

“This is important work which reinforces the critical need for home care in an integrated and effective health care system”, said Sue VanderBent, Executive Director. “The Project has demonstrated the value of home care in contributing to the effective use of health care resources and also to improved client outcomes.”

The Canadian Home Care Association report, Partnerships in Practice summarizes the findings of a two year demonstration Project funded by Health Canada’s Primary Health Care Transition Fund. “The recommendations of greater collaboration with family physicians and a greater role for home care in chronic disease management is consistent with the direction in Ontario”, said OHCA President Lori Lord. “The evidence of success and the lessons learned are extremely helpful as Ontario moves ahead with the transformation agenda.”

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The OHCA 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. 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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