



Letter to the Editor
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Re: Begging for Care Series

The Aging at Home strategy was, and is, a good idea. Stories highlighting challenges and successes help us better understand people's care needs. We know there is always more to do to tip the balance of care to the home. The OHCA has consistently advocated that Aging at Home funding should be specifically targeted at the frail 'at risk' home-dwelling seniors, those most likely to go to ER in a crisis. Enhanced packages of home and community care tailored to the needs of those individuals and their caregivers will prevent an admission and stabilize the situation at home. The impact of this enhanced care package needs to be measured. Research suggests that the cycle of crises for individuals can stop when the system is re-balanced with a stronger home care role.

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