



Ontario Home Care Association welcomes Health Council Report

January 31, 2008, Hamilton – The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) welcomes the report - *Fixing the Foundation: An Update on Primary Health Care and Home Care Renewal in Canada* – released by the Health Council of Canada yesterday. The report highlights the importance of investing in home care so that Canadians can realize their preference to receive health care services at home.

The OHCA supports the report’s call for increased funding in home care as a foundational element of the health care system. “We have seen increased investment in home and community care in Ontario”, said Sue VanderBent, Executive Director. “The transformation agenda for health care in the province is reliant on a well-resourced home care system.”

OHCA believes that Ontario’s home care system is moving toward a strong emphasis on continuous quality improvement, the adoption of benchmarking and best practices. The Association supports the call by the Health Council for investment in technology and new approaches to achieve enhanced home care services ultimately “fixing the foundation” of our health system.

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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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