



Ontario Home Care Association invites MPPs to accompany staff on their home care visits

May 15, 2008:- The Board of the Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) has issued personal invitations to Ontario's MPPs to join staff as they conduct their home care visits in communities across the province.

Home care is acknowledged to be a growing and vital component of the health care system providing complex care to individuals so they can leave hospitals sooner and/or avoid emergency presentation. Home and community care is also an essential component of the Ontario government's aging at home strategy. With the increasing demand for and reliance on care at home, the OHCA believes that it would be instructive to our elected representatives to witness firsthand the home care experience.

"We hope that some of the MPPs will take advantage of our offer," said Sue VanderBent, Executive Director, OHCA. "There will be logistical issues and consents to arrange but we believe that the effort is worthwhile and that the politicians will gain a better appreciation for the unique and distinguishing components of home and community care."

The OHCA will continue to work closely with both Ontario's politicians and Ministry of Health staff to provide information to support their stewardship of health care in the province.

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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 Accreditation Canada and/or the International Standards Association (ISO).

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