

## **OHCA 2009 Symposium hits the mark**

May 28, 2009 – Speakers and delegates at the OHCA Symposium concurred that home care is indeed an important solution to today’s health system challenges – ALC pressures, emergency room avoidance and chronic disease prevention and management, to name but a few.

Integrated care teams, using evidence to inform decisions, and respecting the preference of Ontarians to receive care in the comfort of their own home where they are surrounded by those people and things that are familiar to them were key messages throughout the day. “Without exception, the speakers provided evidence of the impact to the system that can be realized by investing in home care,” said Sue VanderBent, OHCA Executive Director. “Minister Caplan’s remarks clearly demonstrated his high regard for the home and community care sector,” she added.

OHCA believes that all health system partners must work to advance solutions to provide “the right care by the right provider at the right place”. The OHCA’s new Board of Directors will continue to work with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and health system partners so that Ontarians continue to experience increased confidence in their health care system.

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### **About the OHCA**

The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA), *the voice of home care in Ontario*, is an organization of home health and social care service providers. Association members deliver nursing care, home support services, personal care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, dietetics, speech language therapy and medical equipment and supplies in the home to individuals of all ages. OHCA members are contracted by all three levels of government, Community Care Access Centres, insurance companies, institutions, corporations and private individuals. OHCA members are accredited through the Accreditation Canada and/or the International Standards Association (ISO).

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