

## OHCA applauds funding announcements

December 22, 2010 - The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) welcomes the recent in-year funding announcements to support people at home. The additional funding, announced by several LHINs, is specifically targeted at those people who are in hospital but could be at home with support; and those who are in the community waiting for home care.

Evidence from the recent Ontario study, *'Valuing Home and Community Care'* has shown a significant return on home care investment to the broader health system. The researchers concluded that an estimated net annual saving of \$150M would be realized when more frail elderly Ontarians receive home care.

"These recent investments in home care are vital to transforming our health system and most importantly, to responding to the needs and desires of Ontarians to be supported to remain at home for as long as possible", said Sue VanderBent, OHCA Executive Director.

The health system transformation in Ontario is based on tipping the balance of care provision to the community so that Ontarians of all ages who are 'on the fringe' of admission to a facility, or are awaiting discharge, can confidently receive care in their own homes. The OHCA commends the Ontario government and the LHINs for recognizing the importance of the home care sector.

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### **About the 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 members represent an estimated 25,000 staff collectively serving 300,000 Ontarians per year. OHCA works with families as integral partners in the delivery of home care services and as such estimates that 1.2 million Ontarians are impacted by members. 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, CARF, and/or registered with the International Standards Association (ISO).

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