

Ontario Home Care Association welcomes commitment to home care

July 4, 2011 – Today’s article in the Globe and Mail - *Publicly funded home care appeals to voters and politicians*, by Adam Radwanski, sums up the key health care strategy that must be undertaken by the next Government of Ontario.

The Ontario Home Care Association, (OHCA) believes that shifting the focus to the community and organizing care around the individual at home are increasingly important elements to providing quality health care to Ontarians. A strong home care structure that appropriately utilizes and integrates all members of the team is essential to support good health outcomes and achieve a sustainable health care system.

“There is no question that Ontarians want to remain in their own homes”, said Sue VanderBent, OHCA Executive Director. “The challenge is to divert and sustain a commitment to enough resources to provide the necessary home care services to help people stay safe and independent at home.”

OHCA commends the provincial parties for their recognition of home care as an important policy issue as election platforms are being developed. Ontarians are encouraged to closely examine party plans and commitments to fund home care.

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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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