



**Ontario Home Health Care Provider's Association Annual Meeting Thanks McGuinty Government for significant investment in Home Health Care!**

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Charles Beer, Executive Assistant to the Ontario Minister of Health and Long Term Care, addressed an enthusiastic crowd at the Annual General Meeting of the OHHCPA at Sutton Place Hotel in Toronto last night.

Beer congratulated the Board and executive officers of the association for their tireless work in promoting home care as an essential component of the health care system of Ontario. He stated that as a result of strong advocacy, the Ontario Government is investing \$88M in home care in this year's budget (2004/05), rising to \$448M by 2007/08. As part of the Liberal, *"Plan for Change"*, increased funding will ensure that more Ontarians can get help to live independently in their own homes and communities.

This week Ontario and British Columbia are hosting the Ministers of Health and Finance from across Canada. Ontario will take the lead in this meeting, showcasing home care as an essential part of the health care system that supports Canadians. It was clear from the tone of Mr. Beer's presentation as well as from the enthusiasm of the OHHCPA members, that the developments in home health care are highly positive and strongly supported.

Current OHHCPA President, Stuart Cottrelle offered his thanks to past presidents of the association whose work was instrumental in bringing home health care to the forefront of the transformational changes needed in our provincial healthcare system. He also thanked Sue Vanderbent, Executive Director of the Association and her staff for their efforts in ensuring a strong voice for the home health care sector in Ontario.

OHHCPA represents over 35 companies delivering quality home health care in Ontario.

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