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## **Ontario Home Care Association Supports Budget Direction**

TORONTO, May 12 /CNW/ - The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA), representing home care providers across the province, is pleased with the Liberal budget released yesterday. The funding announced for health care reflects the importance Ontarians place on the establishment of an effective health care system. The budget will expand home care delivery for 50,000 more Ontarians, including end-of-life care for 4,300 people.

"The announced funding shows that the government recognizes the strong role that home care can play in maintaining people in their own homes and increasing their quality of life," said OHCA President Stuart Cottrelle.

"Additional funding will help Ontarians to realize the potential of home and community care to look after people in the community setting. A strong home care system will decrease premature institutionalization and support acute care to decrease waiting times," stated Sue VanderBent, Executive Director.

The OHCA will continue to work with the government as it implements health transformation strategies where primary care and home care play a critical role in keeping Ontarians healthy.

The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) represents home care providers delivering quality care to over 250,000 Ontarians annually.

For the most up-to-date information about home care in Ontario, subscribe to OHCA House Call at [www.homecareontario.ca](http://www.homecareontario.ca).

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