



Ontario Budget Supportive of Home Care Service for Ontarians

March 23, 2006: The Board of Directors of the Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) welcomes the 2006 Ontario Budget and the positive direction indicated for the home and community care sector.

Canadian research shows that a strong home and community care system enhances quality of life, is cost-effective and prevents unnecessary hospitalization, ER admissions and premature institutionalization. "The 2006 Budget continues the McGuinty Government's pledge to ensure that Ontarians receive care in the right place at the right time and as close to home as possible", said OHCA President, Steve Haas. "The home care sector is a major foundation upon which the success of the transformation agenda will rest", said Sue VanderBent, Executive Director, "OHCA members look forward to working in partnership with other health care providers as the LHINS begin their work at the local level."

The OHCA represents over 40 home and community care service providers delivering care in homes, offices, workplaces and schools to over 250,000 Ontarians annually.

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