

Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA)



Tony Pierro

The Board of Directors of the Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Tony Pierro**, former Director of the Ontario government's Results Office of Cabinet Office, as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of OCSA effective November 2, 2005.

"As CEO, Mr. Pierro will provide leadership and voice to the not-for-profit home and community care sector in Ontario. OCSA's Board and I look forward to working closely with Tony during this exciting time in our health care system," said Valerie Bishop-de Young, OCSA's President.

Throughout his 20-year career with the Ontario government, Tony Pierro held progressively senior management positions in Policy, Field Operations, Procurement, Finance and General Administrative Services in a number of ministries and central agencies. In each position, he led reviews of planning processes to positively transform organizations. Most recently, Tony was assigned as Director of Cabinet Office to implement Results-based Planning across the Ontario Government.

In addition to the above positions, Tony has also been Acting CEO and Director of the Business Improvement Branch responsible for the streamlining of financial and administrative practices; Deputy Regional Director of Northern Region, Ministry of Natural Resources, based in Cochrane, Ontario, as well as the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

An avid supporter of the voluntary sector, Tony has been active on community boards, holding such positions as Chair and Treasurer.

"I am very pleased to join OCSA and represent the great work of its 360 member agencies that provide such crucial front-line home and community care services to frail elderly persons, and Ontarians with disabilities and chronic diseases. The landscape of health care is changing, and I welcome the opportunity to work with our members and partners to ensure clients receive collaborative and effective care," says Mr. Pierro.

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OCSA represents 360 community support agencies that provide a broad basket of services such as attendant care, adult/Alzheimer day programs, Meals on Wheels, personal and home support, transportation and supportive housing programs. Member agencies have 25,000 staff and 100,000 volunteers. Over 750,000 people of all ages across Ontario receive community support services and home care each year. These important, cost-effective services prevent unnecessary hospitalizations, ER admissions and premature institutionalization.

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