



Home Care Ontario Applauds Liberal Government's Commitment to More Home Care in Throne Speech

March 19, 2018: Home Care Ontario, *the voice of home care in Ontario™*, is applauding the Liberal government's commitment in the Speech from the Throne to invest in more home care to provide more services for seniors choosing to stay at home, and to provide financial relief for families who are caring for aging loved ones.

"The Liberal government's commitment to more home care in the Speech from the Throne is great news for all Ontarians. This commitment means more care for Ontarians who wish to stay in their home longer, reduced hospital wait times and hallway medicine, and less strain on family caregivers," said Sue VanderBent, CEO, Home Care Ontario. "Since January, thousands of Ontarians have joined us in calling on the government to invest in more home care and we applaud the Liberal government for answering that call in the Speech from the Throne."

Ontario's home care system delivers 39 million hours of care annually to 750,000 patients. This care is crucial to supporting people to remain in their homes as they age, along with maintaining their independence. Home Care Ontario launched a campaign *More Home Care for Me and You* to draw attention to the need for additional home care funding to support Ontario's increasingly complex and aging patient population.

"The benefits of home care delivered by professional nurses, therapists, and personal support workers are well established, and means a stronger health care system," concluded VanderBent. "On behalf of Ontario patients, Home Care Ontario thanks the government for their commitment to investing in more home care."

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About Home Care Ontario

Home Care Ontario, *the voice of home care in Ontario™*, is a member-based organization with a mandate to promote growth and development of the home care sector through advocacy, knowledge transfer, and member service. Home Care Ontario members include those engaged in and/or supportive of home-based health care. In Ontario, service provider organizations are responsible for providing nursing care, home support services, personal care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, dietetics,



speech language therapy and medical equipment and supplies in the home to individuals of all ages. An estimated 58 million hours of publicly and privately purchased home care service is provided annually across the province.