



Home Care Ontario pays tribute to Personal Support Workers

May 19, 2016 – On behalf of members employing approximately 20,000 Personal Support Workers (PSWs), Home Care Ontario extends best wishes to PSWs on PSW Day.

PSWs are the largest group of workers providing the greatest amount of home based service in home care. In Ontario in 2014/15 74% of the publicly funded home care was provided by PSWs - a total of 28.5 million hours.

PSWs have a broad range of abilities including the skill and knowledge that equips them to provide high quality personal care, supportive care for individuals with chronic conditions, cognitive impairments, and/or palliative needs. They provide for the comfort, safety and well-being of their clients, and also demonstrate sensitivity and respect for those in their care. The PSW's positive attitude, abilities and approach are critical to the health of the people they support.

Home Care Ontario values the very important supportive role in home care that PSWs maintain in assisting people to continue to live and age at home independently – the preference of most Ontarians.

On PSW Day, Home Care Ontario is pleased to pay tribute to every PSW for their dedication and commitment to serving our most vulnerable with compassion.

- 30 -

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, Home Care Providers are responsible for delivering 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.

For more information, contact:

Susan D. VanderBent, CEO

Phone: 905-543-9474

Email: sue.vanderbent@homecareontario.ca

For the latest in news and information about the home care sector in Ontario, subscribe to "[House Call](#)" or follow us on [Twitter](#).