



Catholic Health Association of Ontario Applauds Canada's New Dementia Strategy

June 18th, 2019 - The Catholic Health Association of Ontario (CHAO) congratulates the Government of Canada on its \$50 million investment to fund a national plan to address dementia, *A Dementia Strategy for Canada: Together We Aspire*.

"We applaud the government for creating Canada's first national strategy on dementia," said Ron Noble, President and CEO of the Catholic Health Association of Ontario. "Dementia is on the rise in Canada and it is imperative that organizations, community groups, and families have access to the appropriate resources to help them navigate this difficult disease."

By investing in research and supports, Canada's Dementia Strategy will enable CHAO members to improve and increase services and continue to deliver a unique blend of care and caring. CHAO members share the government's new vision of a Canada in which all people living with dementia and caregivers are valued and supported, quality of life is optimized, and dementia is prevented, well understood and effectively treated.

"Our members always focus where the need is greatest - often the marginalized and disadvantaged populations. This includes working with the frail, elderly, those with chronic disease, mental health issues and palliative care," concluded Noble. "Today's announcement is a major step towards having a united pan-Canadian approach to support people living with dementia and the families and friends who support them."

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About CHAO

CHAO is a provincial health care association that represents 29 health care organizations running 40 sites across the province of Ontario. These are hospitals, long-term care organizations, seniors' housing complexes, home care as well as community service providers, which are located in small towns and large cities and make up \$3.2 billion of the province's health budget. These facilities serve Ontario's rich and diverse population, regardless of religion, socioeconomic status or culture.

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