HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE SUPPORT SERVICES

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ABOVE AND BEYOND CAREGIVER RECOGNITION EVENT

April 2, 2024 • 1:00-3:00 pm



Welcome

Welcome and thank you for joining us for the 2024 Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Event. On behalf of everyone at Home and Community Care Support Services, we congratulate all the caregivers recognized as part of the National Caregiver Day event. It is a great privilege to be able to share your stories, experiences and learnings, and recognize your outstanding efforts for going above and beyond to support a person in your life to live safely at home, wherever that may be.

Please refer to your email invitation for the event link and instructions to help get you connected.



If you have any technical difficulties at any time during the event please reach out to us at **1-855-276-3096** or via email at **engagement@hccontario.ca**.

A message from Premier Doug Ford

Warm greetings to everyone participating in the 2nd annual Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Event.

Caregivers are a vital part of the fabric of our communities. They help ease the burden of our health care workers, and provide support to our most vulnerable, giving them a sense of comfort and familiarity as they face life-altering challenges.



Thank you to the tireless team at Home and Community Care Support Services for hosting this event, and for shining a light on the inspiring individual contributions of caregivers.

To all the recipients: congratulations on this well-deserved honour. This recognition is a testament to your hard work and to the sacrifices you make every day to help those in need.

Happy National Caregiver Day to all of you.

Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

A message from Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

Dear friends,

On behalf of Premier Ford and our entire government, I want to welcome all of you participating in today's event and congratulate everyone who is being recognized as part of the Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Event. Your care and support of loved ones as they face difficult health challenges is truly remarkable.



Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is making record investments to expand and modernize home and community care. We have invested \$1 billion in the sector and introduced legislation to take bold action to make it easier for patients, and their caregivers to connect to care, in the comfort of their own home.

Congratulations again to everyone recognized and celebrated today for going above and beyond and thank you for the impact you have on your communities.

We see you. We hear you. And we appreciate you.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

A message from our Board Chair

Home and Community Care Support Services' Board of Directors is proud to welcome you to our second annual Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Event.

This event is a small gesture that allows us to thank a group of exceptional people. While we recognize that being an unpaid caregiver can feel like a thankless job, we want you to know your



contributions do not go unnoticed. Not only do your selfless efforts positively impact the health and wellbeing of your loved one by helping them stay healthier at home, they also ensure our hospitals and long-term care homes remain available to those that need them the most.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I extend my sincere gratitude and praise to this year's nominees. Thank you for being such invaluable health care partners, for sharing your inspiring stories, and for truly going above and beyond!



Joe Parker, Board Chair Home and Community Care Support Services

A message from our CEO

Home and Community Care Support Services is honoured to celebrate caregivers across the province through our second annual Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Program.

Every day, our organization coordinates in-home and community-based care for thousands of patients across the province, and we couldn't do it without caregivers like you. Whether providing

meals, transportation or personal care to a family member, friend, neighbour or colleague, your contributions are vital to ensuring more people can stay healthier at home.

I am incredibly moved and inspired by the way each of you selflessly sacrifice your time and energy to provide care to others and improve their quality of life. While we know you do this out of compassion and love, we think it's important to formally recognize your dedication and kindness and are proud to celebrate you as important health care partners.

Congratulations to all of the caregivers recognized as part of our 2024 Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Program! On behalf of everyone at Home and Community Care Support Services, thank you for everything that you do.

Cynthia Martineau, Chief Executive Officer Home and Community Care Support Services

Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Categories

Category	Criteria
Young Caregiver	This category recognizes the extraordinary efforts of a friend or family member under the age of 30 years who has gone above and beyond to support the needs of a loved one.
Caring With Courage	Through encouragement, empowerment and support, this caregiver has directly brought about positive change to their loved one's quality of life.
Caring and Sharing	This caregiver is giving back to their community by helping and guiding others through sharing the knowledge and experience gained from their journey.
Caregiver Team	Group of people (care team) that come together to support an individual in their home or community.
Partner in Care	This caregiving partner has provided long standing and continued support to an individual in their home or community.

2024 Above and Beyond Caregivers

Thank you and congratulations to all the outstanding caregivers being recognized for going above and beyond.

Aggie Mazzucco, Toronto Alessia Porumbel Angela Haier, Toronto Jes Haier, Toronto **Rick Haier**, Toronto Amina Yasin, Toronto Anita Brenda Irwin, Mount Elgin Carmela, Toronto **Carole Ann Alloway Charlie Biniaris** Claudette D. Bruneau Daniel Bruneau Gerard Bruneau, Timmins Marc Bruneau, Timmins Claudia Pollard, Brampton **Colleen Sadler, Renfrew Connie Duen**, Markham Cordella Cave, Bolton D. Maxwell Davelyn Tanglao Family, Thornhill

Deb W, Springford Debbie Black **Debbie White**, Ingersoll Denise Lovell, Stratford **Doris Darmanin**, Brampton Elizabeth Marie Chambers, St. Catharines **Ellie Margues Emidio Galea F. Katz**, Ottawa Frank Fischer, Toronto Gina Guiduccio, Toronto Hanusia Sylvianna MacMullen Heather Routly, Thorndale Helena Medeiros, Hamilton Helena Petter, Dunnville Hélène Berthiaume Hena Zaheer, Brampton Zoha Zaheer, Brampton J. Richards, Milton Jeanne Comeau-Bryceland Jennifer Irwin

Jessie Baker, Emo John, Toronto K. Weese, London Laurie, Port Rowan **Tracey Van Roestel** Karen Wood Karina Erazo, Brampton Katy D'Angelo, Springfield Ken McKenzie, London D.M. McKenzie, London Kim Rekowski Lalla Khadija Drissi Larry Schroeder, Woodstock Linnette Jefford, Toronto John Jefford, Toronto Lucy Cooke Mallory Carson Manjaree M, Ajax Tharan Parameshwaran Marie Di Donato, Stouffville Marie Faria Melanie Denis, Leeds and the **Thousand Islands** Michael Bartlett, Port Dover Miriam Carne, Stoney Creek

Murray Bruce Helwig Nathalie Roukoz, Woodbridge Nora Lavell, Oakville Noreen Brigden, Caledon Paula & Anthony Standish, St. Catharines Carla Floriani, Burlington R. Floriani, St. Catharines Peggy, Leamington Renee Wood, Cookstown Rhonda Walcott, Brampton Robyn Serez, Kitchener S. Hernandez Samantha Jo Attard Satheesan Kumarasamy Scott Williams, Burlington Steven Williams, Burlington Sharon Viscardi, Cambridge Suzanne Joly, Hanmer Tara Nolte, Oshawa Tracy Rigg, McGregor Varghese Abraham, Brampton Viona Williams, Concord Wendy Beharrell **Zoreda Parsons**

^{*}Every effort has been made to include all names at the time of printing. **Names appear according to caregiver/family preference.

Join our Community of Advisors!

Your voice, your care, wherever you call home: Help shape home and community care

Advisors with Home and Community Care Support Services are patients, caregivers and family members with recent home and community care experience and an interest in sharing their time, experience and insights to help shape and improve care. We encourage you to get

 Have received or been involved with Home and Community Care Support Services in the last five years; and

involved if you:

 Are interested in providing advice, insights and feedback from a patient, caregiver and/or family perspective.



Advisors can decide what, when and how they wish to participate based on their experiences, interests and availability. There are many ways to be involved including committees, focus groups, material reviews and surveys. To learn more, visit our website - www.healthcareathome.ca/community-engagement - or connect with our Community Engagement Team at engagement@hccontario.ca or by phone at 1-855-276-3096.

Thank you

On behalf of the Board of Directors, leadership and staff at Home and Community Care Support Services, thank you for joining us for our Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Event.

The personal stories shared today are a testament to the vital role and contributions dedicated caregivers like you make in our health care system. While each story is unique, we hope to encourage a sense of camaraderie, inspiration and support.



Hearing and learning from one another is so important. In recognition of this, we have gathered stories, learnings and helpful resources as recommended by caregivers, staff and our partners. Scan the QR code or visit our website to learn more and to access these additional resources.

We look forward to providing more opportunities to connect and share resources to further support those whose selfless dedication and kindness make it possible for people to live their lives in their communities.

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