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OLTCA Celebrates PSWs on their Second Annual Day of Recognition

Markham.... The Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA) is participating in the second annual Personal Support Workers (PSWs) Day by recognizing the vital role PSWs have in providing continual quality care to over 77,000 residents in long term care homes across Ontario. Today, the Association is highlighting the work of PSWs by dedicating their daily news article to the work of the devoted PSWs throughout long term care.

Over 30,000 PSWs work in the 650 long term care homes in Ontario. PSWs provide personal care support to residents, including assistance with meals, dressing, hygiene, and continence care. As well, they provide personal interaction with the residents and are required to watch for and report changes in residents' conditions.

Chief Executive Officer of OLTCA, Christina Bisanz, acknowledges the vital role of PSWs within the sector. "Today represents an important acknowledgement of the contribution to the positive work PSWs do in long term care homes everyday," said Ms. Bisanz.

"PSWs contribute to improving residents' quality of life in long term care," reiterated Ms. Bisanz. "They work as members of the care team to provide care, encourage independence and respect the dignity of all residents in every task they do."

The Association has been promoting the importance of all staff members in long term care on an ongoing basis. To read more about the work of PSWs in long term care, please visit www.oltca.com.

OLTCA represents the not-for-profit, charitable, private and municipal operators of 428 long term care homes that provide care and services to some 50,000 residents and employ approximately 50,000 staff throughout Ontario.

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