

# Family and friend caregiving gives to everyone





## It is estimated that 70-80% of care given to older adults in the community is given by family & friends



### Family & friend caregivers give care. Care providers provide care.

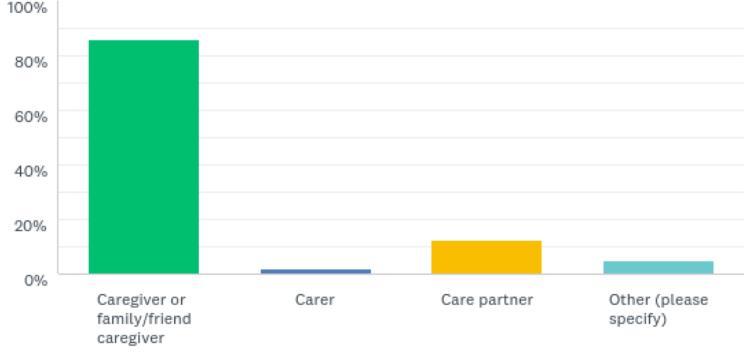
We use this language because it helps clarify each person's role and their relationship to the person receiving care.

Care Recipients, Caregivers, and Care Providers together are **Partners in Care**.



#### We surveyed 228 caregivers and found that over

## 85% prefer the term caregiver or family/friend caregiver to describe their role.





### Recognizing that you are a family & friend caregiver is important to your physical and mental health







### Unpaid family & friend caregivers

## save the Nova Scotia healthcare system more than **\$1 billion** each year.



## **90% of Canadians** say it's important to **age at home.**

The **right supports** for **family & friend caregivers** help make this possible. Visit our website for resources to help you

live safely at home.





### "The **unpaid care** [given] by family and friends is worth more than **\$66 billion**."

Dr. Janet Fast, Professor Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta

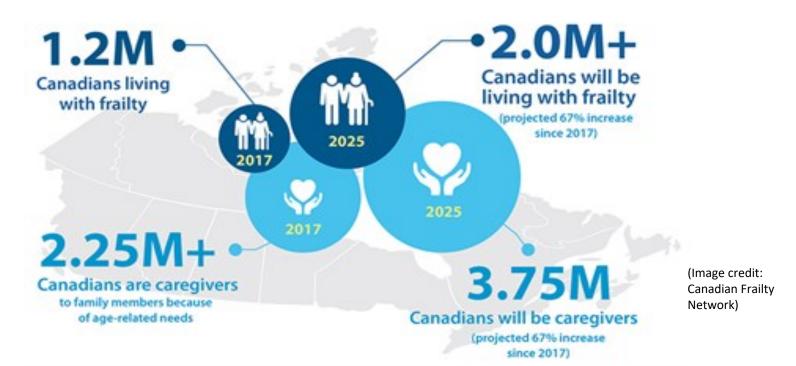


#### According to an Institute for Work and Health study:

- Women compared to men are 73% more likely to permanently leave work to care for an older relative
- Between 1997-2012, the number of workers who permanently left work or changed to part-time work to care for an older relative increased from 3,300 to nearly 15,000



### Frailty is a diagnosis.



Visit <u>Transitions in Adult Care</u> on our website for information on frailty and how to recognize frailty in a loved one.



### All Caregivers Nova Scotia staff are or have been unpaid family & friend caregivers.

### We understand. Please contact us.