

Media Release

Caregivers Nova Scotia Association applauds new supports announced for family and friend caregivers in Ontario

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Halifax, NS – Caregivers Nova Scotia Association applauds the Ontario Minister of Health Dr. Eric Hoskins and Ontario Minister of Finance Charles Sousa for their recent announcement regarding increased supports for family and friend caregivers in their province. The additional funding for respite services, more education and training, and a new Ontario Caregiver Tax Credit will make it easier for unpaid caregivers to continue to give care to a loved one at home.

Caregivers Nova Scotia is especially pleased to welcome 'Caregivers Ontario' to the family of provincial organizations including Family Caregivers of British Columbia and Caregivers Alberta. "As a non-profit organization that has been directly supporting unpaid caregivers for 20 years, we look forward to working closely with our new sibling." says Angus Campbell, Executive Director, Caregivers Nova Scotia. "Ontario's family and friend caregivers make up around 29% of the province's population, and our organization has received calls from some of these caregivers looking for support. The new services and resources, and this new organization to coordinate them, are addressing a known need."

May is Caregiver Awareness Month in Nova Scotia. Visit our website www.CaregiversNS.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter to learn about our awareness campaigns. We encourage people to show their support by using the hashtag #CGAware2017 on social media throughout the month.

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