

# ABOVE AND BEYOND CAREGIVER RECOGNITION EVENT

May 10, 2023 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.



## About Home And Community Care Support Services

Welcome and thank you for joining us for our inaugural Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Event. On behalf of everyone at Home and Community Care Support Services, we congratulate all of the nominees. 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.

For those unable to attend in person, please refer to the event invitation for log-in details.



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

## **Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Categories**

Congratulations to all the caregiver nominees.

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.
Caregiver Innovation	This caregiver(s) uses innovative and creative strategies 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.

## A message from Premier Doug Ford

Warm greetings to everyone attending the Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Event.

Caregivers are a vital part of the fabric of our communities. They ease some of the burden off our health care workers, provide support to our most vulnerable, and give 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 launching the Above and Beyond program.

To all the award 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 someone in need.

Best wishes for a memorable event.

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### A message from Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the caregivers across Ontario for everything you do to provide exceptional support to Ontarians, often at a time in their lives when they need it most.

Congratulations to everyone who has been nominated as part of the Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Event.

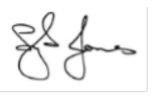


Your extraordinary commitment to providing support and care to family members, friends, or members of your community is having a tremendous impact on many people's lives.

As we continue working to build a stronger and more connected health care system, our government is expanding access to home and community care, including additional caregiver supports, and we are committed to listening and learning from caregivers, families, and patients' experiences.

Congratulations again to everyone who has been nominated and recognized for going above and beyond.

Stay well.



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 inaugural Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Program - 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. Your selfless dedication and kindness positively impact the health and wellbeing of your loved one, as well as the entire

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!

health system. By helping them stay healthier at home, you are also helping to ensure our hospitals and long-term care homes remain

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 inaugural Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Program.

Every day, our 14 Home and Community Care Support Services organizations coordinate 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 each one of your stories and the way you selflessly sacrifice your time and energy in order to provide care to others and improve their quality of life. Even though you do this out of compassion and love, we think it's important to recognize you for your dedication and kindness and we are proud to celebrate you as important health care partners.

Congratulations to all 2023 nominees of the 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

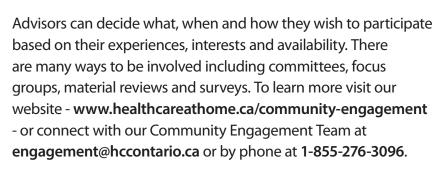
## Join our Community of Advisors!

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

Advisors with Home and Community Care Support Services are patients, family members and caregivers 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

involved if you:

- Have received or been involved with Home and Community Care Support Services in the last five years; and
- Are interested in providing advice, insights and feedback from a patient, caregiver and/or family perspective.



### 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 inaugural Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Event.

The inspirational stories and learnings shared today and throughout the nomination period will be carried forward to develop the broader Above and Beyond Caregiver Recognition Program. Through this program we will continue to support and engage with caregivers across Ontario throughout the year.

We look forward to providing 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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#### **MISSION**

Helping everyone to be healthier at home through connected, accessible, patient-centred care.

#### **VISION**

Exceptional care wherever you call home

#### **VALUES**

Collaboration, Respect, Integrity, Excellence.

