



Carers Canada is a national coalition dedicated to increasing recognition and support for caregivers.* Through collaborative engagement, members work to build awareness and recognition of the role of caregivers and the challenges they face. Carers Canada is a priority program of the Canadian Home Care Association (CHCA).

Carers Canada's vision is "a Canada that recognizes, respects and values the integral role of caregivers in society." Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for caregivers through synergistic partnerships and global advocacy that strengthen and honour the voice of carers.

A NATIONAL CATALYST

Carers Canada is a catalyst for health and social care funders, planners and providers to recognize and value caregivers as partners in care who can access supports (health, financial, emotional and social) to meet their unique needs. The work of Carers Canada advances the CHCA's vision of an integrated health and social care system that provides seamless person- and family-centred care that is accessible, accountable, evidence-informed and sustainable. In collaboration with our partners, Carers Canada works to:

- build awareness of caregivers' experiences through national campaigns
- promote solutions and actions for caregivers as part of our federal advocacy activities
- share leading practices and encourage knowledge translation to advance innovative solutions that support and empower caregivers.

Our work is guided by the universal caregiver priorities articulated in the National Caregiver Strategy. Developed in partnership with caregivers and caregiver support groups across the country, the strategy outlines the vision, principles and strategies for multi-stakeholder action to:

- safeguard the health and well-being of caregivers
- minimize the financial burden placed on family caregivers
- enable caregivers' access to user friendly information and education
- create flexible workplace/educational environments that respect caregiving obligations
- invest in research on unpaid caregiving as a foundation for evidence-informed decision making

A GLOBAL MOVEMENT

Carers Canada is a founding member of the International Alliance of Carer Organizations (IACO). Carers Canada collaborates with international partners to promote global awareness of carers and the impact they have on the care recipients' health outcomes, on health and social care systems, and on global economies. IACO is a global body of 15 member nations that provides cohesive direction, facilitates information sharing and actively advocates for carers around the world.

ABOUT THE CANADIAN HOME CARE ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Home Care Association (CHCA), incorporated in 1990, is a national not-for-profit membership association representing home and community care stakeholders from governments, health authorities, administrators and providers.

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