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## CAH MANAGEMENT PRESS RELEASE

Here we are entering the month of September and getting ready to get back to our fall routine. We have been lucky. The summer has been spectacular, with lots of sunny days, which has given us the opportunity to get outdoors to renew our social ties and meet our friends in person, wearing masks of course. That is right! The mask... it is now obvious that this tool has become our best friend and ally and will continue to be for a long time to come.

Wearing a mask is now mandatory. It encourages social gatherings, especially in closed public spaces. As the temperatures drop, we will need the masks even more to continue meeting in these spaces.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone for complying with the new rules of protection, social distancing and the wearing of masks.

Our efforts have contributed to the success of our strategy in response to the first phase of this pandemic. Now, it is time to prepare, together, for our new routine, to face new challenges, while keeping our health and safety priorities. The summer was also the occasion for a gourmet reunion, with our seasonal barbecues. What a great pleasure to have met many of you at these events and to have had the opportunity to rebuild relationships.

We will continue to create socializing events through various activities, as much as possible and in compliance with safety and personal protection standards. I encourage you to register for our virtual activities, as well as to participate in face-to-face meetings.

The team works tirelessly to remain attentive to our clients and caregivers, while maintaining accessibility to our services. Soon, we will need your input in the form of a brief survey to help us finalize our planning for the coming months. Your suggestions, ideas and comments are essential to help us ensure quality services and programs and also to stay tuned to the needs of the community during these difficult times when we are all learning a new way of doing things.

I would also like to encourage you to get involved with our organization and our francophone seniors by becoming a member of the CAH Corporation. For those who are already members do not forget to renew your membership so that you can vote at our general meeting on September 16th. This year's general meeting will be virtual and to participate you must register by September 4th at 416-365-3350 ext. 242 or tete@caheritage.org.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not say a heartfelt thank you to our generous donors and sponsors who have already contributed to our benevolent campaign. The CAH team and our clients are very grateful.

We look forward to continuing our journey together and staying connected and supportive during this time of great uncertainty.

Barbara Ceccarelli,

**CAH Executive Director**