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Statement from CAH (Centres d'accueil héritage) following the release of the Auditor General's report on the impact of COVID-19 on the long-term care sector.

Toronto, April 28, 2021. "We at CAH read with great interest the Auditor General's audit report on the impact of COVID-19 on the long-term care sector. It is important to remember that at the heart of this report are the stories, suffering and courage of residents, caregivers, families and staff. We keep them in our thoughts and salute their courage and determination in the face of the virus that has ravaged many homes.

At CAH we advocate for greater investment in affordable and supportive housing to create more options for seniors, to further prevent early transfers to long-term care and to enable people to access support services in their homes and communities. Our model is a success story as we bring together housing, home support and active living services in a safe environment. To contribute to long-term sustainable solutions that respect seniors' choice and dignity, we want to expand this model to reach more Francophone seniors in need of our services. As part of this, we participated in the Ontario Commission of Inquiry process on COVID-

19 in long-term care homes and made recommendations on this issue and on the mobility of support staff.

We were pleased to see in the report's recommendations that the Auditor General mentioned the importance of better coordination between the long-term care sector and the affordable and supportive housing sector. Our partnership with the Omer Deslauriers Pavilion in Scarborough is an example, we believe, of this kind of successful coordination.

We will also take note of the Commission's findings. Together, and with the roadmap that will emerge from the recommendations of these reports, we hope to be part of a movement that will create more supportive housing within the context of a continuum of services for seniors so that they can remain in our communities safely.

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