



## CAH MANAGEMENT PRESS RELEASE

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### PRESS RELEASE FROM THE MANAGEMENT OF CAH

Hello to all of you,  
once again...

In this issue of our Gazette, we would like to take the opportunity to appreciate the long and perilous journey we have made together over the past year and to underline the great pleasure we have in finally seeing a little light at the end of the tunnel.

As I write this note, most of us have received our first dose of vaccine and will soon be able to receive our second. This is incredible progress for all of us, a cause for celebration. We were so relieved when we learned that a mobile team would be coming to our downtown location to administer the first dose of vaccine. The same joy we felt when our staff was identified as a priority group back in February.

It is great, and while the one dose is not enough to guarantee full protection, we can all feel the relief of knowing that better days are finally on the way. It is clear that our choices, the restrictions and precautions we have diligently applied and followed, have paid off. That is why we would like to take a moment to pause and recognize the contribution of each and every person involved in navigating last year's pandemic and keeping themselves and others safe. This is no small feat!

To begin, I want to thank our team, our dedicated, compassionate and courageous staff. Without their dedication and professionalism, we would not have been able to succeed. I would also like to emphasize once again how key everyone's adherence to infection control rules and recommendations was to our success. Clients, caregivers and families were all involved from the beginning, always looking for ways to help and support each other.

We also owe a special thanks to our community at large. Generous donations and warm encouragement have also been a vital part of the equation. With everyone's commitment, we were able to ensure that the most vulnerable among us were safe. We were able to put in place customized and creative solutions to meet the most complex needs.

Because of you, we were able to ensure that our residents were safe and connected, not feeling forgotten. Many have learned to take advantage of technology.

We were able to provide basic internet connection to our housing program clients and support those living in community with their connection. We have kept people engaged and connected during the most difficult times, and we will continue to do so.

What a great example of an interconnected community, and intergenerational success.

We still have a long way to go. By June, most of us will have received the second dose of the vaccine! The weather will warm up and we can begin our careful return to normalcy. No matter how far we have come, we will still need to be vigilant.

I would like to encourage each of us to think about what we want this next phase to look like. What are the things that are most important to us? What will make us happy while keeping us safe? How can we begin to share our common space again in a safe and enjoyable way? How can we connect with each other while still implementing precautions and managing risks? We will soon be reaching out to all of you, asking for your input, your ideas, your recommendations.

Once again, we will miss most of our milestones this year. The Volunteer Recognition Night has been cancelled. The General Assembly has also been postponed to September, and we are not sure what form it will take.

The same is true for our usual fundraising activities: the Toronto Challenge and the CAH Gilles Barbeau Golf Tournament. We are currently planning an alternative fundraising campaign for the coming year. The needs of our senior clients remain and we hope that you will continue to support us with your generous contributions.

The success of this second phase will once again depend on our joint efforts and spirit of solidarity. I look forward to everyone's involvement and contribution in the design and implementation of the next steps.

Take care of yourselves!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Ceccarelli', written in a cursive style.

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Barbara Ceccarelli,  
Executive Director, CAH