



NEWS RELEASE

PREMIER MCGUINTY ANNOUNCES THAT VON WINDSOR ESSEX WILL RECEIVE FUNDING FOR A NURSE PRACTITIONER LED INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM

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Ottawa, February 20, 2009 – VON Canada - Ontario (Victorian Order of Nurses), is pleased to announce that it has been selected by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) for funding of a nurse practitioner led interdisciplinary team. This new funding ensures that people in the region can receive a comprehensive package of enhanced services in their community. The site of the new clinic will be Belle River.

“We are improving access to family health care for those in Belle River who need it,” said Bruce Crozier, MPP for Essex. “This new nurse practitioner-led clinic is helping to ensure that local residents have access to quality care closer to home.”

The new care team will include nurse practitioners, registered nurses, a respiratory technologist, a pharmacist, and a social worker along with physician collaboration. This team is an excellent example of the innovative ways expert health care can be provided to Ontarians who are currently without a primary health care provider.

“VON Canada is thrilled with the opportunity to bring together this exciting team of experts. We would like to extend our thanks to Premier McGuinty for providing this funding and applaud his announcement of additional funding for 22 more clinics throughout Ontario” said Dr. Judith Shamian, President and CEO of VON Canada. “Through this funding we will be able to provide people with a range of services including diagnosis and treatment of chronic illness; reproductive care including prenatal

education; senior health counselling, a primary care asthma program and much more, all within their own community.”

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