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### **WITH DEMAND FOR HOME CARE ON THE RISE, VON CO-HOSTS ROUNDTABLE ON THE FUTURE OF HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE**

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**January 16, 2007 (Ottawa, ON)** — Working with one of Canada's pre-eminent think tanks, the Public Policy Forum, VON Canada (Victorian Order of Nurses), along with Saint Elizabeth Health Care, will co-host a national roundtable that will shape a vision for the future of home and community-based health care in Canada. The goal of the one-day session is to identify practical recommendations to achieve that vision.

"Home care is one of the fastest growing components of the health care system. Statistics show that from 1995 - 2000, demand for home and community care grew by 140 per cent, " says Dr. Judith Shamian, President and CEO of VON Canada. "More and more Canadians want to receive convalescent care, rehabilitation, chronic care at home rather than in an institutional setting. This roundtable will enable us to solicit views from the top policy makers and practitioners in Canada and begin to flesh out what an optimal Canadian vision for home and community care policies would be. This roundtable is a part of the first stage of work towards making this optimal scenario a reality. By allowing the clear articulation of the policies that will best serve Canadians, we will be taking a huge step forward."

The Roundtable on the Future of Homecare will be held at the Hilton Lac-Leamy, located at 3, boulevard du Casino, in Gatineau, on February 5, 2007. To reserve your seat at the table, please go to the online [registration form](#).

The roundtable is possible through the generous support from Health Canada, Telus, the Health Council of Canada, Canada Health Infoway, CIHR Institute of Aging, and the SickKids Foundation.

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