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Dear Ms. Martin:

The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) and the Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA) are pleased to announce the creation and launch of a home care nurse leadership website - an exciting new resource designed specifically to support new graduate nurses and those nurses new to home health care in their practice of community nursing. The funding for this project was generously provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's (MOHLTC) New Graduate Guarantee (NGG) initiative.

The goal of this online learning tool is to inform, educate and develop new nurse leaders in the community sector. Specific objectives of this initiative are to provide additional supports for leadership development for new graduates and those nurses new to home health care (RN and RPN); to promote excellence in clinical practice in the sector; disseminate knowledge and leadership development province-wide; and provide a starting point for building and sustaining a sector-specific Community of Practice. Individual learning modules on communications skills, advanced facilitation skills and systems thinking are accompanied by videos demonstrating these competencies.

We warmly invite you to visit the website that can be found at www.mynurseeducation.ca. The site is available to registered nurses and registered practical nurses interested in learning more about nursing in the home health sector. In order to use the site, you will have to create an account. To create an account:

- Click on Login
- Select "create and account", this will open the Registration Form
- Complete Registration Form and ensure to complete the required fields marked with an asterisks (*) You will create a username and password.
- Click Submit
- You will be sent an activation e-mail. Included in the e-mail is a Validation Hyperlink. Click on the link.
- After activation you may login to www.mynurseeducation.ca using your username and password

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The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA)

The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA), *the voice of home care in Ontario*[®], is an organization of home health and social care service providers. Association members deliver nursing care, home support services, personal care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, dietetics, speech language therapy and medical equipment and supplies in the home to individuals of all ages. OHCA members are contracted by all three levels of government, Community Care Access Centres, insurance companies, institutions, corporations and private individuals. OHCA members are accredited through the Accreditation Canada and/or the International Standards Association (ISO).

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The Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA)

The Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA) is the voice of home and community support services across Ontario. A million people of all ages receive home care and community support services in Ontario each year. Home and Community Support services like home care nursing and personal support, Meals on Wheels, Adult Day Programs, Supportive Housing and Attendant Services for the disabled are important, cost-effective services which help people live at home by preventing unnecessary hospitalizations, emergency room admissions and premature institutionalization.