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Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association (OHSNA)
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Dear partners at the Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association (OHSNA),

It is with appreciation for all you do that I wanted to inform you that your organization was nominated for the St. Joseph's Health Care London Community Partner of Distinction Award.

The Community Partner of Distinction Award is one of four President's Awards presented by St. Joseph's each year. It recognizes partnership and collaboration—essential requirements of health care delivery and community service. This award is our way of expressing appreciation to other organizations who demonstrate their commitment to close collaboration through formal or informal partnerships, in support of our mission and/or the advancement of the health care system in general.

Your organization was nominated by our Mental Health Care leadership for your collaborative approach with St. Joseph's. The nomination noted the mutual trust, collaboration and confidence in St. Joseph's to help implement a modernization of the Homes for Special Care (HSC) model of care. Your open-minded approach and valued partnership was recognized as you worked with St. Joseph's to develop a new vision of supported housing - the common vision that a change in the service delivery model would enable tenants to live fully within their community.

While OHSNA was not the selected candidate for this year's award, we thank you for building such a rich, collaborative relationship with our leaders, staff and patients.

Sincerely,



Gillian Kernaghan, MD, CCFP, FCFP, CCPE
President and Chief Executive Officer

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CC: Jodi Younger and Deb Gibson (nominators)

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