



Since our last newsletter, we have remained focused on the wellbeing of our clients and strengthening our community. We are proud to report that **90%** of the staff at ONE CARE have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. With the new provincial direction mandating vaccination, we will continue to move towards full vaccination for the entire ONE CARE team.

We are also doing all that we can to ensure our clients are vaccinated. Throughout this newsletter, you will read more about the support we are providing, including assistance with booking appointments and free transportation to vaccine appointments.

We are happy to share that our **foot care service** has reopened and we are running clinics in Stratford. We hope to expand this service to clients who reside in Huron County by opening the Clinton clinic in the coming months. To provide caregivers with a much needed break, we have started to offer **overnight respite** again throughout Huron County, three nights a week for four clients each night. Through new funding, we have also been able to expand our **assisted living** spaces and are accepting new clients. Please visit our [website](#) to stay up to date on the status of our programs and services. For more information, call 1-877-502-8277.

The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the importance of care at home, and the need for our services has never been greater. We are proud of the work we have done, and through all of the challenges we have faced, we remain strong and committed to caring for our community.

*Kathy Scanlon*

**Kathy Scanlon, Executive Director**  
**ONE CARE Home & Community Support Services**

### **FREE RIDES TO COVID-19 VACCINE APPOINTMENTS**

We have received funding from the Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA) to provide free transportation to COVID-19 vaccination appointments across Huron and Perth counties. This funding supports individuals with a disability or mobility issue who have limited or no access to accessible transportation, including age groups outside of our typical client base. Eligible individuals may be accompanied by a caregiver/support person to and from the appointment.

This funding will help to ensure that transportation is not a barrier to receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, and has come at a critical time when the progression of reopening is directly tied to individuals getting vaccinated. By providing transportation to those in need, we can help protect the health and wellbeing of more people in our community.

#### **To be eligible, a person must meet the following criteria:**



Be going to receive a COVID-19 vaccination at any location for the date of transportation (e.g. booked clinic, walk-in clinic, etc.)



Be a person with a disability within the meaning of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, including seniors with mobility, vision, or hearing impairment.



Have limited or no access to safe and accessible transportation or face barriers to getting to/from a COVID-19 vaccine appointment.

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### **ONE CARE's 2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

Whether assisting a client with booking their COVID-19 vaccination appointment, providing transportation to a nursing clinic, offering in-home support to a senior who is unable to care for themselves or providing much needed relief to their caregiver, ONE CARE was there to provide friendly, quality care during a difficult year.

As a partner of ONE CARE, we wanted to share our [Annual Report](#) with you and we encourage you to share it with others. We also invite you to watch our [Year in Review video](#) to learn more about ONE CARE and what we have been up to this past year.





## ONE CARE's GRAND PARADE IS HERE!



We are gearing up for the celebration of the year – The Grand Parade! This is our largest annual fundraiser, and we hope to have a successful event this year as we celebrate our 10 year anniversary since coming together to form ONE CARE.

All funds raised will go directly towards a senior or older adult with health challenges in need of subsidized fees, as well as the purchase of essential equipment such as our accessible vehicles. We continue to work hard to ensure cost is not a barrier to receiving the programs and services that clients rely on. Many of these programs and services require specific equipment, and funding does not cover the cost of these essential items.

We would love to have you as a sponsor, have you register your own team, or you can simply make a donation. Supporting seniors in our communities has never been easier, or more fun!

### REGISTER A TEAM



**Gather your crew** — Register your team today! There are no minimums for how many people can be on a team. [Click here](#) to register.



**Fundraise** — Ask friends, family and coworkers to donate! There is no fundraising minimum, but every dollar helps.



**It's your time to shine** — Please share photos and videos of the activities you do for our parade video!

### BECOME A SPONSOR

There are various levels of sponsorship opportunities available that are outlined in our [sponsorship package](#).

#### For more information, contact:

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## ONE CARE CELEBRATES 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



ONE CARE has a rich history of providing home care and community programs to people in Huron and Perth counties through agencies that date back more than 40 years. In 2011, three community-based, charitable non-profits came together to form ONE CARE to meet the demands of the evolving healthcare environment.

Creating ONE CARE was in response to the changing environment and the understanding that community support services needed to play a different role in supporting the healthcare system. Coming together was the first step and on January 1, 2011 ONE CARE was launched.

Over the last 10 years, we have been building our foundation, aligning and integrating our services and our operations, and creating efficiencies. We have grown and expanded the services we offer, and continue to further integrate care to better support the needs in our communities.

Please help us celebrate this milestone by sending us a message, story, or comments about your relationship with ONE CARE and what it means to you and/or the community. With your consent, we will use your messages and kind words in our 10 year anniversary video. Please send all messages directly to Kathy Scanlon at [kscanlon@onecaresupport.ca](mailto:kscanlon@onecaresupport.ca).



*In the early days — ONE CARE celebrated a generous donation received to renovate the kitchen in our Clinton office.*

## We want to hear from you!

We hope you can take a few minutes to provide your feedback on our newsletter. We are interested in learning if you find our newsletter informative, if there are different kinds of information you would like to read about, or anything specific you would like included. Please email your comments to [hmarshall@onecaresupport.ca](mailto:hmarshall@onecaresupport.ca).

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