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**Saint Elizabeth Health Care recognized for achieving excellence
in health care delivery**

Markham, ON – Saint Elizabeth Health Care (SEHC) has been awarded its third successive three-year accreditation from the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA).

The CCHSA Accreditation process is an internationally recognized vehicle through which quality in the health care industry is measured according to national standards.

In its survey report, the CCHSA commended Saint Elizabeth Health Care for “embracing the ideals of continuous innovation in service delivery and being a knowledge organization,” noting that SEHC’s services are “customer focused and embedded in a culture of quality improvement and best practices.”

Eleven self-assessment teams from across the province participated in the process, including: Leadership and Partnerships, Environment, Human Resources, Information Management, Child and Family, Mental Health, Nursing, Palliative and Spiritual Care, Rehabilitation, Supportive Care, and Wound Management.

“At Saint Elizabeth Health Care, we want people to have a phenomenal health care experience,” said Shirlee Sharkey, president and chief executive officer. “The process of accreditation is a healthy and judicious exercise for achieving that vision and raising the bar of excellence in health care delivery.”

In 1998, Saint Elizabeth Health Care became one of the first home health care providers in Ontario to be awarded an Accreditation from the Council and the organization’s leadership in this area continues today. By participating in accreditation, SEHC provides reassurance to clients that the organization follows national standards and is committed to ongoing quality improvements of its services and care. SEHC’s three-year accreditation is current through to 2007.

Established in 1908, Saint Elizabeth Health Care is a Canadian not-for-profit charitable organization that shares its talent and wisdom in the areas of direct service delivery, consultation and eSolutions, to support the transformation of care for health organizations and the people they serve.

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