



MARCH OF DIMES CANADA EXPANDS ATTENDANT OUTREACH IN THE GREATER TORONTO AREA THROUGH SPINAL CORD INJURY ONTARIO PARTNERSHIP

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March of Dimes Canada (MODC) and Spinal Cord Injury Ontario (SCIO) are pleased to announce a partnership that will see MODC acquire SCIO's Outreach Attendant Services.

On March 31, 2020, Outreach Attendant Services currently provided by SCIO will be transferred to MODC. As the largest provider of outreach attendant care services in Ontario for the last 30 years, MODC is well-placed to meet the critical need for people with spinal cord injury and other disabilities.

"We're so pleased to be expanding our Attendant Care Services into the Greater Toronto Area, and to a new community of clients," says Jason Lye, Vice-President of Community Support Services for MODC. "It's a natural fit for our existing program, and we understand how crucial attendant care is to a person's daily well-being and independence."

SCIO has been supporting people living with spinal cord injury for 75 years, and will continue to do so through their Peer Support, Regional Services, Knowledge Exchange and Advocacy programs.

"There is nothing more important to us than client well-being," says Dr. Stuart Howe, CEO of SCIO. "Our partnership with MODC is a powerful symbol of that goal. We know our clients are in good hands and our attendants will benefit from MODC's extensive experience in this area."

"MODC and SCIO share a common goal," says Leonard Baker, President and CEO of MODC. "Both organizations are committed to supporting Canadians living with disabilities so they can exercise influence, choice, and control over their own lives."

Recent changes in Ontario's service delivery model mean that transitioning these services to MODC is the most effective, efficient way to collaborate with the provincial government. There will be no change to the services that clients currently receive from SCIO.

For more information on Spinal Cord Injury Ontario, [click here](#).

For more information on March of Dimes Canada's Attendant Care Services, [click here](#).

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March of Dimes Canada is a nationally registered charitable organization providing support services to people with disabilities, their families and caregivers across Canada. Our goal is to enhance the independence and community participation of people with disabilities every day through a wide range of programs and services across Canada. For more information, please visit www.marchofdimes.ca or call **1-800-263-3463**.

Spinal Cord Injury Ontario is a registered charitable organization providing support, service and advocacy for and with people with spinal cord injury in Ontario since 1945.