

Hazel McCallion Appointed Inaugural Honorary Chair

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The Senior Living CaRES Fund appoints Hazel McCallion as Inaugural Honorary Chair

TORONTO, November 25, 2021 /CNW/ - The Senior Living CaRES Fund (the Fund), founded in May 2020 by Chartwell Retirement Residences, Revera Inc., Extencicare and Sienna Senior Living, announced today the appointment of Hazel McCallion as its inaugural Honorary Chair.

The Fund has awarded more than \$2.4 million in financial assistance to 761 senior living employees across the country. The Fund is building a legacy for the future to provide financial support for senior living care workers experiencing hardship and to support workers in the sector as they pursue relevant educational opportunities to advance their careers. As the Fund evolves, it will always be rooted in the history of COVID-19 so that Canadians will never forget the heroic contributions and dedication of senior living sector employees.

"I am inspired by the people who work in the senior living sector. This was true before the pandemic, and even more so as the Covid-19 crisis unfolded. I will always remember how frontline employees went to work every day to care for residents who needed their help. To me, these workers are the real heroes of the pandemic", says Hazel McCallion, former mayor of Mississauga. "I'm thrilled that the Fund invited me to be its inaugural Honorary Chair."

The Fund continues to welcome the participation of all operators as partners. Interested operators can email info@seniorlivingcares.ca to join in recognizing the extraordinary efforts of senior living employees.

About Hazel McCallion

Hazel McCallion was one of Canada's longest-serving mayors. She oversaw the growth and development of Mississauga, Canada's sixth-largest city for 12 consecutive terms before leaving her position in 2014 at the age of 93. In 2015, McCallion joined Revera as the company's Chief Elder Officer. Through this role McCallion has had the opportunity to spend time with many frontline workers in the senior care sector.

A former professional women's hockey player, her numerous accomplishments in business and politics have been lauded worldwide. She was awarded the Order of Canada in 2005 and the Order of Ontario in 2021, and received an Honourary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Toronto in 2010. Hazel became a special advisor to the University of Toronto Mississauga in 2015 and was appointed the first Chancellor of Sheridan College in 2016. Hazel is the author of *Hurricane Hazel: A Life with Purpose* (2015).

An Initiative for the Future

The Senior Living CaRES Fund has recently secured charitable registration. As a registered charity, the Fund will continue its legacy post-COVID-19 with the mandate to provide consistent support to employees. The Fund will build a legacy for the future with the goal to continue to provide financial support for workers experiencing hardship and to support workers in the sector as they pursue relevant educational opportunities to advance their careers. As the Fund evolves, it will always be rooted in the history of COVID-19 so that Canadians will never forget the heroic contributions and dedication of senior living sector employees.

About The Senior Living CaRES Fund

The Senior Living CaRES Fund was established by founding partners Chartwell Retirement Residences, Revera Inc., Extendicare and Sienna Senior Living. Open to all employees in the sector, and inspired by their dedication and commitment, the Fund provides financial assistance to those facing extraordinary circumstances and will build a legacy for future investment to support urgent financial needs and employee education. In 2021, the Fund welcomed Southbridge Care Homes as a Platinum sponsor and OMNI Health Care as a Gold sponsor.

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