



## The Senior Living CaRES Fund Distributes a Total of \$250,000 to One Hundred Bursary Recipients Across the Country 12-13-22

*This year, the Senior Living CaRES Fund provided 100 bursaries to senior living sector workers to pursue relevant post-secondary educational opportunities to advance their careers.*

TORONTO, December 13, 2022 - The Senior Living CaRES Fund (The Fund) is providing an update on its continued support for frontline senior living sector workers. During 2022, the Fund awarded 100 bursaries to senior living sector workers across Canada worth \$2,500 each. This represents the inaugural cohort of bursary recipients as the Fund focused on supporting senior living care workers to advance their careers within the sector.

The Fund's CaRES Education Community will also provide supports such as free webinars and mentorship opportunities, which will assist bursary recipients in their education journey while they balance continued employment in the sector.

The Fund is grateful for the continued support of its founding partners Chartwell Retirement Residences, Revera Inc., Extendicare and Sienna Senior Living, Platinum sponsor Southbridge Care Homes, Gold sponsor OMNI Health Care and the RBC Foundation.

Open to all employees in the senior living sector and inspired by their dedication and commitment through the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fund, a registered charity continues with its mandate to support employees in Canada's senior living sector.

"Investing in the employees who are the heart and soul of the senior living sector is what the Senior Living CaRES Fund is all about," says Hazel McCallion, Honorary Chair of Senior Living CaRES Fund. "The Fund's bursaries help workers advance their careers within the senior living sector so that they may strengthen their skills to provide compassionate, quality care to the residents we serve nation-wide."

### Facts about the Senior Living CaRES Fund

- Over 240 bursary applications were received across Canada in 2022



- Applicants included personal support workers, registered nurses, registered practical nurses, licenced practical nurses, and dietary aides
- Since its inception, the Fund has received over 8,100 applications

### **About The Senior Living CaRES Fund**

The Fund was established in May 2020 by founding partners Chartwell Retirement Residences, Revera Inc., Extendicare and Sienna Senior Living to provide financial support to Canada's senior living sector employees facing exceptional circumstances. Since May 2020, over 970 senior living sector employees across the country have received more than \$3.1 million in financial assistance. In 2022, the Fund shifted from crisis funding for economic hardship to bursaries for senior living sector employees to pursue relevant post-secondary educational opportunities to advance their careers within the sector.

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