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Health Care Providers across Huron Perth Looking for feedback from Family Caregivers

July 25, 2017 – Family Caregivers are invited to attend one of four public forums being held across Huron Perth. These forums are being held as part of *Connecting the Dots for Family Caregivers* - an initiative that is funded by The Change Foundation and aimed at improving the experience of those who support loved ones through their health care journey.

Family caregivers - family, friends, and neighbours who provide personal, social, psychological and physical support, assistance and care, without pay, for family members and friends in need for any period of time - are invited to join a forum and share their stories and experience with the health care system. These stories will be used to help identify areas for improvement that ensure family caregivers are heard, respected and valued.

“Being a family caregiver can be rewarding and fulfilling but it can also be challenging and a significant source of stress and anxiety.” says Anne Campbell, Executive Lead for Connecting the Dots for Family Caregivers. “This important initiative brings together six local health care partners who will listen to, learn from and act with family caregivers and health care providers to co-create supports, programs, and resources that address the needs of family caregivers and ensures they feel valued, respected, engaged and supported in their important role”

Community Forum Details:

August 1 - Listowel
Trillium Insurance Office
495 Mitchell Rd S
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

August 2 – Goderich
Knox Presbyterian Church
9 Victoria Street North, Goderich
6:30 – 8 p.m.

August 14 - Clinton
Libro Credit Union
48 Ontario Street
5:30 – 7 p.m.

August 16 – Stratford
Rotary Complex
353 McCarthy Road
6 – 7:30 p.m.

“As a family caregiver for many years, I’m excited to be part of this project” says Rosemarie Richards. “This opportunity enables family caregivers to use their voice and share their experience, in order to bring about meaningful change in patient care and greater well-being for family caregivers.”

Health Care Partners of Connecting the Dots for Family Caregivers include The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) (Lead Organization); The North Perth Family Health Team (NPFHT); STAR Family Health Team (STAR FHT); One Care Home and Community Support Services (One Care), the Southwest LHIN (SWLHIN) and Alzheimer’s Society of Perth. The initiative is funded by The Change Foundation and is one of four Changing Care initiatives happening across the province.

For those who cannot join one of the Community Forums, there are other opportunities to share your story. Please contact Lisa Cann at Lisaconnectingthedots@gmail.com or 226 927 8483. The community is encouraged to follow the project on twitter @CC_Connecting.

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