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## 2018 Ontario Budget Announces Saint Luke's Place Long-Term Care Redevelopment Project Awarded Additional Capacity

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, within the 2018 Ontario Budget Announcement, the provincial government announced the awarding of **51 additional Long-Term Care Beds** to the Saint Luke's Place Long-Term Care Redevelopment Project, as part of Aging with Confidence: Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors.

The Saint Luke's Place project has planned for growth to better serve the residents and families of Waterloo Wellington for generations to come, and this announcement will enable the charitable, non-profit organization to serve the care needs of **165 Long-Term Care residents** in its redeveloped facility. Saint Luke's Place has been working on its plan for redevelopment since 2014, through the provincial Enhanced Long-Term Care Home Renewal Strategy. The project, with its community capital campaign, has garnered much attention and support from the local community for its focus on developing a design and plan to meet the increasingly complex care needs of the seniors and residents served by this accredited organization.

**Brian Swainson, CEO** of Saint Luke's Place has spearheaded the project plan since 2014:

*Working with our Board of Directors, we have gathered input for our project plan through extensive stakeholder engagement, including feedback from our residents, their families, and our staff. We have also engaged with the Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network, the City of Cambridge, our MPP, and with our healthcare partners in hospitals, long-term care and other community service organizations to ensure that our plan meets the quality and care needs of the residents we are privileged to serve, now and into the future. I am so pleased to share in this celebration of additional Long-Term Care capacity granted to our community!*

**Bob Pettitt, Redevelopment Chair**, Board of Directors at Saint Luke's adds:

*Having served on the Board of Directors of Saint Luke's Place since 1974, I have seen the organization grow, develop and adapt to the changing needs of our residents, tenants and clients. The provincial announcement of confirmed growth for our Long-Term Care Redevelopment Project is a testament to the dedication of our staff in providing excellent care and services. As member of the founding Board of Directors of Saint Luke's Place, as well as a Cambridge resident, I am thrilled to receive confirmation of the approved growth of the Saint Luke's strategy.*

*Incorporated under the Charitable Institutions Act in 1974, Saint Luke's Place is a Charitable, Non-Profit accredited seniors' residential community located in Cambridge, Ontario. We offer care and services to our Long-Term Care residents, to our Retirement Home residents, and to the tenants in our Independent Apartments. Saint Luke's Place is licensed to operate 114 Long-Term Care Beds, 4 of which are categorized as Veterans' Priority Access Beds. We are also an active member of AdvantAge Ontario (formerly OANHSS).*