



## Press Release

### **peopleCare Breaks Ground on 160 Bed Long-Term Care Residence Modern Home Set to Ease Pressure on Local London Healthcare System**

**TORONTO** – August 5, 2008 .... On August 1<sup>st</sup>, **peopleCare** broke ground on a new London-based 160 bed long-term care residence. Slated to open in the final quarter of 2009, the site will also house a second phase - 100 unit assisted living residence, expected to complete construction shortly after completion of the first phase.

"Currently, Londoners have a 12 to 24 month wait to place loved ones into long-term care homes," said Brent Gingerich, President & CEO of **peopleCare**. "That's simply too much of a strain on the healthcare system, elderly patients and families. We are very pleased to offer a 'continuum of care community' to London through these two modern residences."

Gingerich was joined at the groundbreaking ceremony by the Hon. Christopher Bentley, (MPP London West & Attorney General for Ontario) and Nancy O'Regan, Alzheimer Society of London.

Located at 1242 Oakcrossing Road in London, the new residence will provide 24/7 care for residents with complex health needs who require assistance with daily living. The home includes space for an 'older adult' day program and clinic space for the Alzheimer's Society to provide an early diagnosis Alzheimer's clinic.

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#### **About peopleCare** ([www.peopleCare.ca](http://www.peopleCare.ca))

**peopleCare** carries on a family tradition of providing homes where people care. In 1968, the organization's founders LeRoy and Ruth Schlegel began caring for elderly neighbours in a converted school house in Tavistock. Today, with three long-term care residences located throughout Southwestern Ontario, **peopleCare** has developed an outstanding reputation in the health-care field.

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