

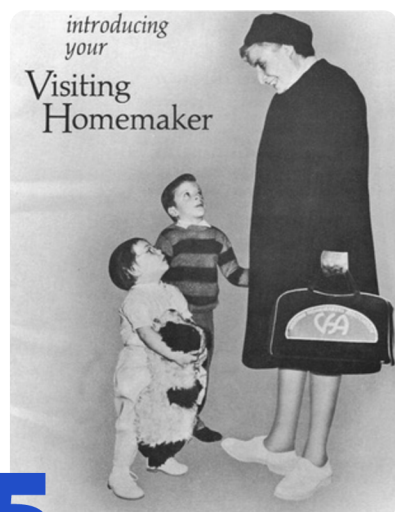
Celebrating a Century of Care

For over a century, VHA Home HealthCare (VHA) has been at the heart of communities, providing dedicated support and essential health services to individuals of all ages and backgrounds. Our journey has been shaped by the unwavering commitment of our visionary leaders, dedicated staff, and compassionate caregivers who have helped make VHA a trusted name in home and community care.



The Visiting Housekeepers Centre is founded by **Miss Barbara Blackstock** to provide homemaking services to families where the mother is ill. By the end of its first year, 14 housekeepers are trained and in service. The Canadian Red Cross, Toronto Branch, provides a building and temporary financial support for the service.

1925



1935

The Visiting Homemakers Association (VHA) incorporates.

1937

VHA administers a fund to provide parental relief for polio victims.



1951

Homemaking services extended to care for sick children of working mothers of single-parent families.



1969

VHA moves to 170 Merton Street — a building donated by the W. Garfield Weston Foundation in memory of Mrs. Garfield Weston, a VHA client.



1976

VHA is accredited by the National (U.S.) Council for Homemaker-Home Health Aide Service Inc.

1980

VHA's Executive Director becomes the first President of the newly incorporated Canadian Council on Homemaker Services.



1981-85

VHA begins providing personal support services. Increasing demand for homemakers and growing provincial government awareness means by 1985, 355,000 hours of personal service are provided.

2001

Our name officially changes from Visiting Homemakers Association to **VHA Home HealthCare**, reflecting our growing continuum of health and home support services.

2000

VHA partners with United Way to provide programs and services to help create the opportunities people need to improve their lives and build a better future.



1998

VHA provides nursing services for the first time.



2009

VHA acquires COTA Health's Rehabilitation Services to provide physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, dietetics and social work services to clients and expands services to London and Ottawa. VHA also inaugurates its Research program.



2011

VHA moves its head office to 30 Soudan Avenue.



2014

VHA introduces a Client and Family Voice program and creates a Client and Carer Advisory Council to ensure our programs and services effectively meet the needs of our clients and families.



VHA enhances integrated care partnerships with UHN, launches VHA Virtual Care, and collaborates with Michael Garron Hospital to develop the Kew Beach Unit, a transitional care unit to support Alternative Level of Care patients.

2020



2025

VHA celebrates its 100 year anniversary. VHA now has close to 3,000 team members focused on delivering high quality person-centred care, collaborative partnerships, research, digital innovation and quality excellence.