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### **Provincial Budget Addresses Gaps in Funding for Long-term Care Providers**

This week the province of Saskatchewan released the 2023-2024 budget which will help begin to address funding and staffing concerns affecting long-term care providers, including LutherCare Communities. LutherCare is dedicated to providing a safe and caring Continuum of Living™ for all, and funding from our government partners is crucial to fulfilling that vision.

“We are pleased that \$9.3 million of interim funding will be granted to affiliated not-for-profit long-term care providers, and we look forward to working directly with the Ministry of Health to develop a new funding model” says Gabe Lafond, CEO of LutherCare Communities.

The government also announced it will fulfill its commitment to hiring an additional 75 Continuing Care Assistants (CCA’s) to address staffing concerns. LutherCare is excited about the increase in funding for CCA’s and what that may mean for residents and Team Members at Luther Special Care Home. Luther Special Care Home offers 24-hour care and support to 126 residents across three different neighborhoods, including a secure dementia neighborhood for 46 residents.

“LutherCare is committed to operating within a resident-first culture. An increase in funding for CCA’s will support our efforts in providing residents with the highest quality of care and support” says Gabe Lafond. He continues, “as part of LutherCare’s five-year strategic plan, we held a stakeholder engagement which revealed that our residents desire an increase in CCA’s to ensure more effective care. As the government moves forward with this funding, we are excited to see how an increase in capacity will positively affect our residents and Team Members and increase standards of care throughout the province.”

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**About LutherCare Communities:** LutherCare Communities has been a leading provider of senior housing and healthcare services for 68 years. LutherCare’s services include long-term care, seniors’ housing, community day programs for adults, intermediate care homes, home support, group homes for adults with physical and intellectual disabilities and subsidized family housing. LutherCare Communities has grown to over 500 employees and serves over 1,100 residents and clients each day in locations throughout Saskatchewan.

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