



Forgotten and ignored.

A crisis of care is quietly unfolding in Ontario's long-term care homes. The stories mostly go unheard, and the people who urgently want to tell them are forgotten and ignored.

What truths would those stories reveal? That there aren't enough nurses and health-care professionals to provide timely and appropriate care to residents. That retaining and recruiting staff is a massive challenge, with low wages being the main cause. And that corporate long-term care providers are making record profits on the backs of their staff and residents.

Solutions are available. Long-term care employers must compensate nurses at the same level hospitals do to ensure there's enough staff to meet residents' needs. The Ontario government must also step up, by regulating staff-to-resident ratios and increasing funding. It's time to recognize that long-term care is an essential part of our health-care system.

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