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VON and Providence Continuing Care Centre confirm program transfer date

Brockville – On September 2, at 12:01 a.m. the governance and management of St. Vincent de Paul Hospital's Adult Day, Diabetes Education and Lifeline services will transfer to the VON Lanark, Leeds & Grenville Branch.

"We're very pleased to have received the necessary approvals so quickly. Our goal is to make the transition as seamless as possible for our clients, caregivers, staff, managers and volunteers and we will work together to make this happen over the coming weeks," said St. Vincent's administrator, Mark Edmonds.

"There will be no change to the programs – all of the services will continue to be provided, and all St. Vincent's staff in these programs will be offered employment," said Ruth Kitson, VON Lanark, Leeds & Grenville Branch executive director. "We value the skills and experience of these staff. We would be delighted to have all of the volunteers associated with the Adult Day, Lifeline and Diabetes Education transfer with the services as well. Their combined expertise will complement the VON's existing range of care and we welcome them to our team."

The location of the three services and contact information will stay the same for now. Diabetes Education, Partners in Caring Adult Day Services and Lifeline will remain at the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital site until an alternate location is secured by the VON. The Adult Day services will also continue to be provided at their current locations in Prescott, Gananoque, Kemptville and Portland.

PCCC and the VON Lanark, Leeds & Grenville Branch began negotiations for the transfer of the three programs in June 2006.

The Adult Day Program provides a variety of structured activities in a secure environment for adults, particularly seniors with physical disabilities, memory loss, social or emotional problems that interfere with daily life.

Diabetes Education provides information about diabetes management, as well as counselling and support for people living with diabetes.

Lifeline is a personal response system that connects users to a caring professional at the push of a button. The button is worn as a pendant or wristband. When pressed, it activates a small in-home communicating device that automatically dials the Lifeline Response Centre.

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