



To the Family Caregivers of British Columbia and its members:

Family Caregiver Month is an opportunity for people around B.C. to acknowledge those who offer physical or emotional care to a loved one, whether it's a family member, friend or neighbour.

Family caregivers are vital partners in the public health-care system, providing care and support to those who are frail, chronically ill or living with a disability.

Our government recognizes and respects that you provide care at home and that caregiving is significant, often thankless, and done out of love.

We also know that during the COVID-19 pandemic, your work has been even more challenging. As your organization found in a survey, more than 50 percent of caregivers reported their mental health has worsened since the pandemic started. To help support caregivers and seniors, our government responded by doubling funding for Family Caregivers of British Columbia to \$1 million.

You are part of the approximately one million family members and other loved ones around our province who take on this role. On behalf the provincial government, I thank you for your dedication to helping improve the quality of life for people close to you.

Yours sincerely,

Mable Elmore
Parliamentary Secretary
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