

February 4, 2008

## **An invitation to shape your health care system**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Each of us has a story about our health care system, about the services we use and expect. We each have an idea about what's right and wrong, about what works and what needs fixing.

The South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is a provincial agency that monitors and improves the health care system in our region. It's our job to work with the health care community and citizens to ensure that we are setting the right standards and priorities for health care. This is a tough job that requires balancing many different interests, demands and pressures, and it's why we are reaching out to you for help.

There are more than 440,000 citizens within Ontario's South East region. You are among 3,000 citizens in the region who have been randomly selected to receive this letter. With it comes an invitation to participate in a very special event to help us create a vision for health care in the South East region that will guide us in the years ahead.

We will randomly invite 54 South East residents who respond to this letter to participate in Ontario's first Citizens' Regional Health Assembly. If you or any family member would like to learn more about your health care system and contribute your voice to its improvement and future, this is your chance.

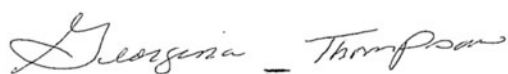
The Citizens' Regional Health Assembly will take place in Kingston, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, and ending at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 9. If you are selected to participate, the only preparation you will be asked to do is to read through a package of basic background materials that will be mailed to you in early March. Hotel accommodations and meals in Kingston will be provided, and we will reimburse you for travel expenses upon request. We will also work to accommodate any special needs you may have.

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If you would like to serve as a member of the Citizens' Regional Health Assembly, please fill out the Candidate Form included in this envelope and return it to us by fax or post **no later** than Friday, February 22, 2008.

Enclosed is a pamphlet from the South East LHIN with more information about this process. If you have further questions about the Citizens' Regional Health Assembly or the South East LHIN, we encourage you to call us at 1-800-369-7136 and to visit our website at [www.southeastlin.on.ca](http://www.southeastlin.on.ca).

Sincerely,



Georgina Thompson, Chair  
South East Local Health  
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Paul Huras, CEO  
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