\$1.4 million awarded by CC-ABHI to point of care providers across Canada

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The Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation (CC-ABHI), in collaboration with Baycrest Health Sciences, announced the grant recipients of \$1.4 million in funding through its Spark Program.

The 2017 SPARK program provides 31 point-of-care workers in the North American healthcare delivery or service industry with up to \$50,000 each in funding to further develop their grassroots ideas into proof-of-concept or prototypes that have the potential to improve brain health or quality of life for older adults.

After an extensive evaluation process we are excited to announce that we were successful in being awarded funding for this program! Our project is *Making therapeutic recreation available to seniors through a multi-media interactive model*. Ultimately, through the support of CC-ABHI and its funders, we hope this innovation can be developed to have a significant impact quality of life for older adults in Canada.

We also acknowledge the generous funding provided by the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science, and by the Government of Canada through the Public Health Agency of Canada, and by the Baycrest Foundation, which enables CC-ABHI to administer the Spark Program.

For more information on the Spark Program visit <u>www.ccabhi.com</u>, or join the social media conversation by using the hashtag **#ccabhispark**.