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New support for a national health concern

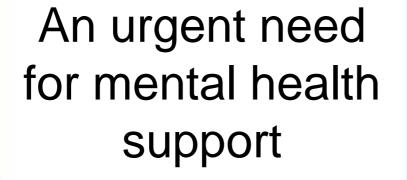
#### **Martine Turcotte**

Executive Vice President Bell and BCE

# Agenda

- 1 Mental health support needed urgently
- 2 A national health concern
- 3 Leading the conversation
- 4 Community care in action
- 5 A Canadian leader and inspiration





### **George Cope**

President and CEO
Bell and BCE

# A pressing health concern

1 in 5 experience mental illness

Underfunded 5% of health budget

#1 cause of workplace disability

1 in 3 don't get the care they need

Yet mental illness is 15% of health burden

Costs the economy \$51 billion a year

Far-reaching consequences touch all Canadians



# Four pillars of support

Anti-stigma Community care and access

Workplace health

4 Research



# 1. Anti-stigma



#### Stigma compounds suffering

- 2 in 3 suffer in silence fearing judgment and rejection
- 50% of Canadians would hide a family member's mental illness
- Bell Let's Talk campaign opens the national conversation



# 2. Community care and access



#### **Enhancing access to care**

- National scope coast to coast to coast
- Unique solutions from local grassroots care to telemedicine
- Canadians connected to mental health support when and where they need it



## 3. Workplace health



#### Bell leading by example

- Better access to information
- Adopting best practices at work
- Return to work program
- Building a culture of support



#### 4. Research



#### **Supporting best in class**

- Research to improve understanding, prevention and treatment
- New chairs, fellowships and project grants funded across Canada
- Focus on excellence, national scope and institutional diversity





Corporate Canada's largest Mental Health Initiative ever













## Clara Hughes

Olympic Games medalist Bell Champion

# Bell Let's Talk campaign



- National awareness campaign
- Bell Let's Talk Day
  - February 9, 2011
  - 5¢ donated by Bell for every text message and long distance call







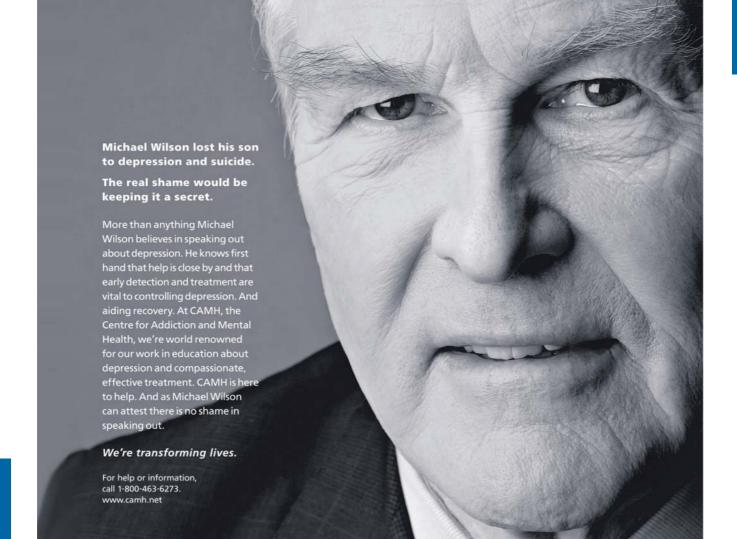


# Improving community access at the Royal Ottawa



- One of Canada's leading mental health hospitals
- Investment in telepsychiatry will increase patients served by 200%
- Improves access in northern and remote communities













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