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 Absolute Alliance and Brimley Medical Centre

Special thanks to all the Silent Auction donors for the lovely items they donated, to our MC Alan Butryn for helping to make this event an enjoyable experience for the golfers, to our volunteers for their enthusiasm and finally to our Golf Committee who work hard every year to recruit sponsors and golfers.

A picture collage of the Day

We look forward to another year Please consider joining us in 2018.



THE WEXFORD COMMUNICATOR welcomes comments and announcements that would benefit friends and families of residents and tenants at The Wexford Residence Inc., and supporters of the Wexford Residence Foundation.

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Accreditation Canada Survey Results Are In - Exemplary Status Again!

On September 18th and 19th, two surveyors from Accreditation Canada were on-site to assess the quality of care we provide against 541 national standards. I am very pleased to say that we met 539 of them or 99.6%!! Quite an accomplishment! Linda Hartford, the team leader was from New Brunswick and Gina Peragine, was from the Region of Durham. In their debriefing session, they had very positive comments to say about our home.

Linda Hartford said, *“You are ahead of most homes in terms of resident and family engagement and have a true appetite for quality and innovation”.*

They were very impressed with our core programs; namely Falls Prevention, Skin and Wound Management, Restraint Use and Responsive Behaviours. Gina Peragine sat in on one of our BSO meetings and was very pleased to see a true interdisciplinary meeting which included all the unit staff, including the housekeeper and dietary aide.

In addition there are 26 ROPS (**Required Organizational Practices**) that we must also meet and again we successfully met all 26! We received our final report this week, and again, we were awarded “Exemplary Status.” Accreditation offers three levels of accreditation; namely Accreditation, Accreditation with Commendation and Accreditation with Exemplary Status which is their highest award. This is what we achieved.

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I do want to thank everyone who participated in the survey process from residents, families, board members, staff, management, doctors, nurse practitioner and our community partners. It was a true team effort and everyone deserves a big round of applause. As families, you can rest assured that your resident is receiving high quality care.

Here is a list of the **26 ROPS**

1. Accountability for Quality
2. Resident Safety Incident Disclosure
3. Resident Safety Incident Management
4. Resident Safety Quarterly Reports
5. Resident Identification
6. The ‘Do Not Use’ List of Abbreviations
7. Information Transfer at Care Transitions
8. Medication Reconciliation as A Strategic Priority
9. Medication Reconciliation at Care Transitions
10. Concentrated Electrolytes
11. Heparin Safety
12. High-Alert Medications
13. Infusion pump Safety
14. Narcotic Safety
15. Resident Safety-Education & Training
16. Patient Safety Plan
17. Preventative Maintenance Program
18. Workplace Violence Prevention
19. Hand Hygiene Compliance
20. Hand Hygiene Education & Training
21. Infection Rate
22. Reprocessing
23. Falls Prevention
24. Pressure Ulcer Prevention
25. Skin and Wound care
26. Suicide Prevention

Achieving Exemplary Status means that quality is a key part of all of our interactions, processes and procedures. We strive to do our best each and every day while we live our mission: Enriching Lives

Everyday. For us, we practice the accreditation standards as part of each work day, and strive to engage our residents and families in all aspects of their care. We truly are resident and family centred! Again,



Next Issue:

Palliative Care and MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying)

“When I described in detail to my friends the level of Palliative Care offered by The Wexford, they used the word exceptional”! The Staff at the Wexford had gone out of their way to provide invaluable comfort, care and respect to my mother. Kudos to each and every member of the attending staff, with very special thanks to Victoria, Ciera, Almerinda and Grace!!”

Family Member
E.C.
September 13, 2017

12th Annual Golf Tournament held on Tuesday June 20, 2017 at Remington Golf & Country Club

You Made the Game Make the DifferenceThank You!

Thanks to all our supporters who helped to make this year’s event successful. The weather was on our side and 144 golfers had a great time golfing. To celebrate Canada 150, we had a trivia contest, special contests on the course, a live auction of the Canada 150 flag and raffled a Canada 150 basket filled with items unique to Canada, such as Purdy’s Chocolate, Maple Syrup, a Roots Gift Card, products from Tim Horton’s and The Hudson Bay Collection.

This year we raised gross revenue of \$80,595 including \$4,187 from the silent auction. The money raised enables the four participating homes - The Wexford Residence, Advent Valleyview Residence, Mariann Home and Nisbet Lodge to fund important projects that directly benefit their seniors. Our share of \$16,000 will go towards the purchase of dementia art and reclining chairs for palliative care.

We would like to thank the following Tournament Sponsors, Hole Sponsors and Friends of the Tournament for their contribution to this year’s tournament

- Lead Sponsor:** Achieva Health, Medical Pharmacies and Stevans Sales & Marketing
- Banquet Sponsor:** NEED
- Canada 150 Sponsor** Brimley Medical Centre
- Contests Sponsor** Paul O’Conner Funeral Home
- Lunch Sponsor** Aquicon Construction Co. Ltd
- Putting Sponsor** G architects
- Promotional Sponsor** Surge Learning
- Silent Auction Sponsor** Golden Dental Care
- Hole-in-one Sponsor:** Hub International

Hole Sponsors: Aramark, Absolute Alliance, Ataja Electric, Bass & Associates, Cardinal Health, Greengate Capital, Julie Bessant-Pelech & Associates, Mark Waterman Plumbing, Mathews Dinsdale & Clark LLP, Sunbright Linen Services Inc., and The Wexford Volunteers

Our Residents Have Talent

Marilyn Orr's Art Show



Wayne Connelly greeting Marilyn and her sister Florence .

On Tuesday July 11th, we had a beautiful art show displaying the work of our resident Marilyn Orr. More than 100 art works were on display, a collection of

various themes from nature and abstract design. Bouquets of flowers and cards by the residents and staff were presented to Marilyn. Our Executive Director, Sandy Bassett spoke about the Montessori Art Program and how much it benefited Marilyn. Florence Orr, Marilyn's sister expressed her gratitude for our dedication and encouraging Marilyn with her art.

Florence said *"When we came up with the brilliant idea of coloring for Marilyn, it was a game changer for her from the very first day. Who knew that she would thoroughly enjoy this activity and be totally engrossed day after day. She gets to choose which picture she will work on first and which colours to use. This gives her the independence and autonomy she always wanted, she loves her office. The art party was truly unforgettable and greatly appreciated by Marilyn. Thank you. The Wexford definitely enriches lives every day!"*



THE JOY



Now the Joy of life has come to me,
I am now content with my life,
It's not been that way since I lost my Wife,
Now I am in a place that shows me respect,
I respect the staff for all that they do for me,
Now I am a happy man,
I am now ready to give a hand to improve
the lives of my fellow man,
Now that I have a home again,
I am no longer just a resident
Here I am fully content,
I will remain here for ever if I can,
As I feel like a man again,
There is no strain in my life anymore,
But I still miss the love of my life, my Wife

Ian Bruce, 12.07.17



What's Happening at The Wexford



Canada Day 150 Celebrations - July 1st



On July 1st we celebrated our nation's 150th birthday. For the occasion, we rented a large tent which was set up in our parking lot at the front of the building. Residents and their families, tenants and staff enjoyed 4 hours of live entertainment and a lunchtime BBQ serving hot dogs and Hamburgers. There was face painting for the young at heart and everyone received a Canada 150 T-shirt, a Canada 150 mug and a Canada 150 button.



A very special thank you to the Tenant Association and the Volunteer Association for their generous financial contributions which helped to make this a memorable day.

New Faces at the Wexford

Welcome to!

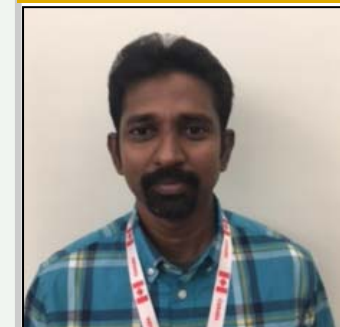


Philip Colford
Director of Care

Philip joined us on June 19th as our new Director of Care. He has been a Registered Nurse for over 23 years. His nursing career

has involved both clinical and management roles and has successfully worked and collaborated with both community and hospital services providing acute, ambulatory and long term care to culturally and age diverse populations.

Philip is very resident-focused, approachable and maintains an open door policy. Philip can be reached at 416-752-4477.



Praveen Rathinasamy
Physiotherapist

Praveen joined us in September this year. He did his Bachelor BPT and Masters BPT in India and was licensed to work as a Physiotherapist in Canada in 2014.

Before coming to The Wexford, he was employed at two other long term care homes.

Occupational Health & Safety Week Celebration

Tuesday August 15 to Thursday August 17

Goal of the Workplace Safety Week

To bring more awareness of the importance of reducing workplace injuries and promoting a culture of safety.

THEME: WORK SAFETY

The Occupational Health & Safety Committee organized a very successful week highlighting the safety achievements that we have accomplished over the past year. Various events and displays were organized for the week. To mark the launching of the OHS week, a healthy

breakfast was organized for the night staff and for the day and evening staff. Fruit/vegetable platters were served while staff completed safety quizzes to win great prizes. Staff also took part in donning/doffing, while others joined the wellness dance.

We started our Wednesday with a wellness walk around the block, joined by volunteers and family members. Every participant got a cold bottle of water to quench their thirst after the brisk walk. In the afternoon, staff had



the opportunity to have a picture taken in the well decorated picture booth, choosing the message they would like to have displayed alongside their photos.

The final celebration for the week was a blast. The theme was "Taste of the Wexford" highlighting the vast multicultural home we are. The place was decorated with flags from all over the world as well as with displays from various cultures. The rich combination of flavors from the foods all over the world made each staff member feel at home experiencing and trying other food cultures.

The dessert table was a huge success. Who could resist a sweet dessert!



Glo-germ table

To highlight the importance of hand washing, the Glo-germ table was well visited as every staff wanted to have their hands checked under the fluorescent light to ensure that they had washed their hands properly.

To end our week, draws for many prizes were held including sports gift certificates, yoga mats, Tim Horton's gift certificates and the most sought after prize: a Fitbit Watch won by Lance Clarke.

A special thanks goes to the Occupational Health and Safety Committee who worked diligently to plan this successful week as well as a special thank you to the management and staff for their support.



Occupational Health and Safety Committee:
Co-chair Management Kris Ciesielski **Co-Chair Worker** Almerinda Takahashi.
Committee members: Bijaya Singh, Daisy Lin, Wayne Connelly, Fida Al-Khatib, Ann-Marie Scarlett, Omer Sarac, Eileen Albeno, Cristina Soto, Joli Kadier, Marcia Alleyne and Jordan Barr.

July 7th -9th

Taste of Lawrence



congratulations

