

Brucelea Haven News

Together we *make* a difference!

November 2025

Halloween Fun with the Early ON Parent & Tots

Late October we enjoyed a fun-filled visit from the local Early ON Parent & Tot group. We happily hosted their weekly gathering at Brucelea Haven, where we were able to watch and interact with the young ones while they played. We all dressed up in Halloween costumes for some added fun and ended the visit off with a little trick or treat! Thank you to everyone who joined in our fun and brought their children in to visit us!



More Halloween Fun at Brucelea Haven!

Residents at Brucelea Haven had a *spooktacular* time celebrating Halloween with Dave & the Retros. Residents were *fang-tastically* dressed in their costumes, and *witch-fully* sang along to their favourite tunes. It was a *howl-iday* to remember, full of *creepy*, *catchy*, and *heartwarming* fun!



Grade 3's Visit from Sacred Heart with Halloween Themed Dances and Songs

Thank you to Mrs. Cormack's Grade 3 class from Sacred Heart who walked over to our home in their costumes and performed some Halloween dances and songs for us! We also played a fun game of hangman before it was time to head back to school. Thank you for spending the morning with us.



Resident Hobby Showcase

Thank you to everyone who contributed items to our 'Resident Hobby Showcase'. We exhibited some incredible talent and passions that our residents fostered throughout their lives. We have some incredible painters, collectors, knitters, crocheters, quilters, crafters, puzzlers, hunters and trappers amongst us and it was so great to feature items that are so special to them.



Potter Clay Café Bus Trip

In early October, a group of residents enjoyed a trip to the Pottery Clay Café near Belmore. Each resident chose a special piece of pottery (or two) and each painted their item with their individuality and flair!



Halloween Pumpkin Painting

An afternoon crafting our Halloween pumpkins!



Bazaar - November 25th 10am-3pm

Join us on Tuesday, November 25th for our Second Annual Vendor Bazaar hosted in the CAA at Brucelea Haven. The Bazaar will be open to the public for shopping from 10am-3pm. Please join us and support talented local vendors!



Grade 12's from Sacred Heart Visit for some morning Games

Thank you to the Grade 12 Religion class from Sacred Heart for visiting our home and spending the morning playing cards, games and colouring with our residents. We enjoy the opportunity to spend time with youth, sharing wisdom, life lessons and creating meaningful social interactions.



Let's Go Blue Jays!

Just like the rest of our Country, enjoyed cheering on 'Our Team' - the Toronto Blue Jays - in the World Series! We hosted Blue Jays Spirit days on each game day throughout the series. It's been a lot of fun seeing our resident and team member fans dressed up in their Jays gear!



Upcoming Grandfriends Program

We are looking forward to the return of our Grade 8 Grandfriends from Mildmay-Carrick school. This is the third year running for our school year partnership with this class, and we love the connections and friendships we have fostered through this program. Residents interested in being part of this partnership this year, fostering great conversation and connections with these students, are encouraged to speak to their recreation team member. We look forward to their first visit on November 10th where we will take polaroids with our Grandfriend and get to know them through a prepared questionnaire.



Santa's Helpers Horse Visit on Nov 22

Residents of Brucelea Haven will be on the lookout on Saturday, November 22nd. We expect to see 'Santa's Helpers' - a parade of horses through the backyard during our lunch hour. The horses will park at the main entrance following the parade for anyone who would like to come down and see the horses up close. A huge thank you to Gail Pletch for her continued support for this program! Fingers crossed for a beautiful day! *Alternate weather date is Sunday, November 23rd.*



Family Satisfaction Survey

Dear Family Members - Please complete your Family Satisfaction Survey by Monday, November 17th. The link has been emailed, there are paper copies at Reception, or use the QR Code to participate. Thank you kindly for your feedback!



Welcome! - Sameer Husen Dhuniya

Hello! My name is Sameer Husen Dhuniya, and I'm originally from the beautiful country of Nepal, known for its stunning mountains and warm, welcoming culture. I moved to Canada three years ago, and before beginning my journey in healthcare, I worked as a concierge in an condominium, where I loved helping and connecting with people every day. This inspired me to pursue the PSW program so I could make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need care and support. I'm truly excited for my clinical placement at Brucelea Haven, where I hope to learn, grow, and gain hands-on experience. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to my amazing preceptors – Sue, Amanda, and Nadine – for their guidance, patience, and encouragement as I embark on this journey.

**Welcome! - Ankit Babu Shah**

Hello! My name is Ankit Babu Shah, and I'm from Nepal, a country known for its beautiful mountains and friendly people. I moved to Canada a few years ago and worked as a cook in Toronto for three years. During that time, I really enjoyed helping others and being part of a team, which made me want to build a career in healthcare. I chose to study the Personal Support Worker (PSW) program because I want to make a positive difference in people's lives. I'm very excited to start my clinical placement at Brucelea Haven and to learn from the wonderful team there. I'm especially grateful to my preceptor, Hanna, for her guidance and support as I begin this new journey.



Welcome! - Yeboah Kwadwo

My name is Yeboah Kwadwo, I am an immigrant from Ghana, west Africa. I am someone who always aspired to assist/help people in need and for that reason I chose to enroll in the PSW Program. This profession will give me the opportunity to make a significant impact in the lives of individuals/clients by providing them with the care and support they need.

By doing this, the appreciation and gratitude from the clients and their families can be invariably fulfilling, making the job highly rewarding on a personal level.

First and foremost, as someone passionate about helping/assisting individuals as a PSW, I hope to gain hands on practical experience to enable me to give quality care to clients. I believe Brucelea Haven will offer me the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals in their facility to gain the necessary skills. Again, having acquired the skills needed after my placement from Brucelea Haven, I aim to find employment and to contribute to the lives of residents in the facility and the community at large.

**Family Town Hall - Wednesday, November 19th**

Attention all Family Members - Please join members of our Leadership Team in the CAA on Wednesday, November 19th from 6-7pm. Topics at this meeting will include a Stakeholder update on our Quality Programs. If you have a topic you feel would be beneficial to review with the group, please contact Stacey Michiels at smichiels@brucecounty.on.ca



Enhancing Resident Care Through New Assessment Tools and Best Practices

We're excited to share important updates that will positively impact the quality of care in our long-term care home that will be starting to roll out in January 2026.

1. Transition to interRAI LTCF Assessments

Starting this fall, Ontario LTC homes are transitioning to the new **interRAI Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF)** assessment tool. This standardized system replaces RAI-MDS 2.0 and offers a more comprehensive view of each resident's needs, strengths, and preferences. It supports person-centred care planning and improves data reporting through the **Integrated interRAI Reporting System (IRRS)**. Staff are currently undergoing training to ensure a smooth and informed transition. For more information, visit: [\[cihi.ca\]](https://cihi.ca)

2. Becoming a Best Practice Spotlight Organization (BPSO)

Our home is exploring participation in the **Registered Nurse Association of Ontario (RNAO) BPSO** program, which supports the implementation of evidence-based nursing guidelines. This initiative enhances resident outcomes, staff satisfaction, and organizational performance. Homes accepted into the program commit to a three-year partnership with RNAO, supported by implementation coaches and educational resources. For more information, visit: [\[rnao.ca\]](https://rnao.ca)

3. Implementing RNAO Clinical Pathways

We are also adopting **RNAO Clinical Pathways**, developed in partnership with PointClickCare. These pathways integrate best practice guidelines directly into our electronic health records, streamlining care delivery and improving compliance with provincial regulations. Early adopters have reported improved staff efficiency and significant reductions in falls and pain-related incidents. For more information, Visit: [\[rnao.ca\]](https://rnao.ca)

These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to providing safe, high-quality, and person-centred care. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,
Stacey Michiels - Administrator





Special Events in November...

- 1st – Daylight Savings – Turn your clocks back at bedtime!**
- 4th - *addition* Seventh Day Adventist Church in the CAA**
- 5th – November Birthday Party with Al Crawford in the CAA**
- 6th – November Resident Council Meeting at 2pm in the CAA**
- 7th – Remembrance Day Service with Legion Colour Party at 10am**
- 7th – Afternoon Men's Bus Drive 1-3pm**
- 9th – Bingo on Sunday afternoon**
- 10th – Grade 8 Grandfriends Program with Mildmay-Carrick resumes**
- 11th – Remembrance Day**
- 12th – Resident Memorial Service in the CAA at 2pm**
- 14th – Bus Trip to Hanover Walmart 1-3pm**
- 15th – Start Decorating for Christmas!**
- 21st – 2 South Birthday Party with Cathy Kempert**
- 21st – Music with Ray Richards on 3 South**
- 22nd – Santa's Helpers Horse Visit 12:30-1:30pm**
- 25th – Christmas Bazaar in the CAA 10am-3pm**
- 26th – Helen Stewart Entertains in the CAA at 2pm**
- 29th – Leaving Tracks performs in the CAA at 10:30am**
- 30th – Special Event: Sing! Chorus Choir Performs in the CAA at 2pm**
Please join us in the CAA for this special performance by the Sing! Chorus Choir

Family Christmas Café's coming up in December

We love celebrating the holiday season with our friends & family. This year, please join us for one of three events to celebrate the holiday season with your loved ones! Two guests per resident. Please RSVP to Maia in Reception at bruceleahavenreception@brucecounty.on.ca:

- Saturday, December 7th at 2pm with Brent Meidinger
- Friday, December 12th at 2pm with James Skarnikat
- Wednesday, December 17th at 2pm with Johnny Borton