

Brucelea Haven News

Together We Make A Difference!

April 2024

Goat Visits At Brucelea Haven!

On March 20 we had some sweet visitors at Brucelea Haven! A huge thank you to Huib, our Director of Nursing, and his wife Brooke, for bringing in 4 baby goats and 4 bunnies for our residents to enjoy.



National Day Of Kindness

Brucelea Haven participated in National Day of Kindness on February 28 by wearing our pink shirts to stand up to bullying and promote kindness within our workplace.



April Special Events

- **April 1** - Easter Monday
- **April 1** - April Fools Day
- **April 2** - Joyfully Used Singers
- **April 3** - Grandfriends Easter Visit
- **April 10** - Piano with David Latham in the CAA
- **April 11** - Bus Trip to Belmore Maple Syrup Festival
- **April 14 to 20** - Volunteer Appreciation Week
- **April 15 to 19** - Cruise Week to the Bahamas!!
- **April 15** - Cruise Week Kick Off Drink Bar
- **April 15** - Joe Passion Entertains
- **April 16** - Virtual Dance Party
- **April 17** - Hula Hooping
- **April 17** - Birthday Party with Brent Meidinger in the CAA
- **April 18** - Casino Games
- **April 19** - Captain's Luncheon
- **April 19** - Music with Ray Richards on 3rd Floor
- **April 19** - Birthday Party with Cathy Kempert on 2 South
- **April 21 to 27** - Administration Professionals Week
- **April 22** - Resident Council Meeting
- **April 25** - Bus Trip to Hanover Airport
- **April 27** - Lamb Visits

Hoppy Easter From Bunny Visitors!

As part of Recreational Professionals Week, the residents at Brucelea Haven celebrated with some bunny snuggles during our visit from Ruth at Rabbit House Rescue in Port Elgin. We would like to wish all our friends and family of Brucelea Haven a very Happy Easter and we look forward to the spring weather that we know is just around the corner!



Cruise Week - April 15 To April 19

Pack your imagination! It's Cruise Week from April 15 to April 19. We are cruisin' to the Bahamas! We set sail on Monday, April 15, on the SS Brucelea Maiden from Miami, Florida. Join us Monday to kick off our Cruise Week with a Mobile Drink Bar and then Entertainment by Joe Passion in the afternoon. We will sail to Key West, Florida on Tuesday and enjoy some Virtual Dance and Bingo. Wednesday we land in Bimini, Bahamas for Hula Hooping and an afternoon being entertained by Brent Meidinger. Thursday we will dock in Nassau, Bahamas to enjoy Casino Games in the morning and our afternoon church service. We will return to Maimi, Florida on Friday and close our Cruise Week by getting dressed up for our Captain's Luncheon at noon hour. We are looking forward to a week of fun in the sun!



Masking Update In LTC

We are happy to share that the mandatory mask mandate has been lifted for staff in long-term care homes effective immediately. As required in the Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Standard and the updated MLTC COVID-19 guidance document, masking in non-outbreak situations in LTCHs continues to be:

- Required for staff, based on a point-of-care risk assessment before every resident interaction, and based on the return-to-work protocols.
- Staff may consider wearing a mask during prolonged direct resident care defined as one-on-one within two meters of an individual for fifteen minutes or longer.
- Recommended for visitors and caregivers, but not required.

Remember to review the point of care risk assessment prior to entering resident rooms to determine whether precautions are required to enter. If you have questions please reach out to Jen Jardine or Emily Kussmann.

Sham'rockin'!

Brucelea Haven celebrated St. Patrick's Day with some homemade Shamrock Shakes and a visit from some wonderful Irish Dancers! Thank you for sharing your talent with us!



Recreational Professionals Week Recap

Brucelea Haven had a fun week celebrating our Recreation Team, Physio Team, and our Social Worker. We are thankful for the meaningful opportunities they facilitate for our residents each day. Here is a photo of our Recognition Board, which peers and families added kind words to throughout the week. We also enjoyed an ice cream cart for residents and team members, a virtual dance party, among other daily activities. A fun week to celebrate our great team members!



Sweetheart Meal

On February 21, Brucelea Haven hosted a Sweetheart Meal for our Residents and their spouses. They enjoyed a wonderful date luncheon with heart shaped ravioli, salad, garlic bread and some very decadent desserts. Congratulations to the Fletcher's who have been our longest married couple at 71 years - married in 1953!



Volunteer Appreciation Week - April 14 To April 20

Brucelea Haven would like to take the opportunity to thank our volunteers who devote so much of their time to our home and our residents. Our volunteers currently provide meaningful friendly visits with residents, support during our dining experiences, spiritual support, weekly church services, communion, among others. We are so fortunate and thankful for their time and dedication to our home.

Administrative Professionals Week - April 21 To April 27

The administrative professionals at Brucelea Haven contribute so much to supporting the day to day functions of the home. They are often the first face you see and provide a sense of welcome to everyone. On Administrative Professionals Week, from April 21 to April 27, we recognize the contributions of our Visitors Services Receptionist, Administrative Assistant (Quality & Standards), Schedulers, Ward Clerk, and LTC Administrative Assistant. Our admin professionals distribute funds for resident activities, answer and direct phone calls, handle admission paperwork, schedule staff 24/7, 365 days a year, order and distribute supplies for resident care needs, and so much more. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our administrative staff for their contributions, their organization and attention to detail, and their commitment to service in long-term care. Photos L to R: Taylor Portelance (Administrative Assistant, Quality & Standards), Sarah Keown (Scheduler), Ashley Traut (Administrative Supervisor), Raelynn Alijoe (Administrative Assistant).



New Mission Statement & Tagline For Long Term Care

With valuable input from staff, residents, families, and internal and external partners, Bruce County's Long Term Care & Senior Services department is pleased to announce an updated Mission Statement and Tagline for Brucelea Haven and Gateway Haven.

Mission Statement:

Bruce County Long Term Care homes offer an inclusive community based on kindness, compassion, and connection.

Tagline:

Together we make a difference!

Long Term Care & Senior Services is required to review mission statements annually under the Fixing Long Term Care Act. Our environment is always changing, and we need to ensure our mission statement and tagline are driving the important work we do and aligning with the values and goals of the department. It was time for a refresh, so in the Fall of 2023, our team engaged with staff, residents, families, and internal and external partners, to pursue the updated Mission Statement and Tagline. Common themes were identified, recommendations were drafted, and collectively, the Long Term Care Management Team took a vote on what would be the best fit. Thank you to all who shared their ideas and creativity through this project. Together we make a difference!

The new Mission Statement and Tagline will be showcased proudly in signage at both Brucelea Haven and Gateway Haven.



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