

Brucelea Haven News

Residents First, Every Day, Every Way!

March 2024

Valentines For Seniors

The Bruce County Public Library partnered with creative Valentines card makers of all ages, to the delight of residents of local long-term care homes. In all, there were 299 cards handed in and distributed to both Brucelea and Gateway Haven. The library provided the materials, and the library patrons provided, in the words of one card maker, “tree-mendous” love and creativity. One of our residents was also interviewed by Canada Radio in Toronto on the experience of being a recipient of these homemade Valentines.

The residents of both homes would love to thank the library for this initiative, and all the participants who went out of their way to exhibit such kindness and creativity for Valentine’s Day. We sure feel the love!



March Special Events

- **March 1** - World Day of Prayer
- **March 1** - Virtual Dance in the CAA for Recreation Professionals Week
- **March 5** - Joyfully Used Singers
- **March 6** - Birthday Party with Al Crawford
- **March 8** - Book Mobile Visits
- **March 9** - Daylight Savings Time
- **March 15** - Music with Ray Richards
- **March 15** - Birthday Party with Cathy Kempert on 2 South
- **March 17** - Happy St. Patrick’s Day - Shamrock Shakes Cart
- **March 22** - Classical Piano in the CAA with Yuki Okumoto
- **March 29** - Good Friday
- **Happy Easter!!**

Enjoying Music With Brent Meidinger

Brucelea Haven celebrated our February Birthdays and enjoyed musical entertainment by Brent Meidinger on February 7.



Chinese New Year

Residents at Brucelea Haven celebrated Chinese New Year with none other than Chinese Food Take Out from our local Walkerton Restaurant. Wishing everyone a positive and prosperous year of the Dragon.



Resident & Family Surveys

Resident and Family surveys were completed in the fall of 2023 and the results have been shared with Resident and Family Councils. Results found that 86% of residents and families were satisfied with the quality of the care and 89% would recommend the home to others.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their feedback with us.

The team is currently reviewing the results and will be creating action plans to focus improvement on some areas such as recreation program choices and availability, communication with residents and families, and menus.

We are committed to continuous improvement, and we are implementing changes to the way we conduct the surveys going forward. We will integrate the survey process into residents' annual meetings, providing a more convenient and streamlined approach.

Additionally, we are adopting a validated assessment tool that will enable us to benchmark our performance not only internally, but also against other similar facilities. This strategic shift will empower us to gain deeper insights into our residents' experiences.

Again, we would like to thank you for your continued engagement and feedback.

Pancakes For Shrove Tuesday

On February 13, our Recreation Team suited up in each servery to make pancakes for our residents at lunch time! It was so much fun and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Our management team also served up pancakes to our frontline team members in the CAA to celebrate the day and show our appreciation for their continuous hard work and dedication.



March Is Nutrition Month!

March is considered Nutrition Month, while Nutrition Week is March 11 to March 17, and Dietitian's Day is March 20!

The dietary department at Brucelea Haven consists of several roles: Cook, Food Service Workers, and Dietary Students. With 32 dietary members, we take pride in the well-being of our residents daily. Responsibilities encompass meal preparation and planning, food safety, maintaining proper sanitation standards, and creating nutritious meals and snacks.

By providing nutritious high-quality meals and supporting overall wellness, the dietary department contributes to the overall care and comfort of our residents throughout the home. Each member of our team provides our residents with the best service and dining experience possible. With warm smiles and friendly personalities, you can't miss them.

During our nutrition week this month, we will be having fun events and treats to recognize the hard work these individuals do and that it doesn't go unnoticed.

Valentine's Gala With Grandfriends

On February 14, our Grade 8 Grandfriends from Mildmay-Carrick Elementary School came for another visit during our Grandfriends Gala. We shared Valentine Treats together, as well as a slide show that was created by our recreation Team of our resident's love stories, their thoughts on love, and words of advice for their youthful friends. The relationships we have built with these students is nothing short of magical. We love seeing all the smiling faces and hearing all the words of wisdom shared with each other. We look forward to seeing them again in April.



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