



Gateway Haven News

Together We Make A Difference!

April 2024

Lambs Visit Gateway Haven

The residents of Gateway Haven had a visit from baby lambs in March. There are many benefits to interactions between seniors and animals. From pet therapy to the enjoyment of a long-term pet companion, the benefits are significant and can make a difference in physical, emotional, and mental well-being for seniors. The lambs were quite happy for cuddles and to run around visiting the residents. The lambs, wearing baby diapers, brought lots of smiles to the faces of our residents.



Upcoming Programs

- **April 11** - Dave The Piano Man
- **April 23** - Cathy Kempert
- **April 4 & 18** - Bookmobile
- **April 10 & 24** - Pet Therapy
- **Tuesday Mornings** - Horticulture Therapy
- **Friday Mornings** - Daycare Friends!
- **Gentle Fit Exercise Programs with Claire, our Physiotherapy Assistant:**
 - Second Floor Residents - Monday at 1:30 PM & Friday at 10:00 AM
 - Third Floor Residents - Tuesday at 10:00 AM & Thursday at 1:30 PM

Pi(e) Day Social

The residents celebrated Pi Day on March 14, a day recognized due to 3.14 being the first 3 digits of the mathematical constant that represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Instead of studying the number in its entirety including the infinite decimal figures that proceed 3.14, we just ate Pie - the delicious dessert we all love. Residents took the time earlier in the week to make and bake pie crusts, which we then used to make delicious pies to share with everyone.



Happy Leap Year!

We leapt into an extra day in the year, on February 29, with some cake and fun "leap" themed games.



Administrative Professionals Appreciation Week - April 21 to April 27

The administrative professionals at Gateway 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, Schedulers, and Ward Clerk.



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.

Volunteer Appreciation Week - April 14 To April 20

Volunteering is such an important role at Gateway, and one that brings a ton of joy and brightness to our residents' days. Our volunteers support us in a variety of ways, including but not limited to, bingo and special events, portering residents, assisting on bus trips, friendly 1:1 visits and much more. We truly appreciate those who choose to spend their time with us here at Gateway and hope you'll join us in celebrating them throughout the week of April 14 to April 20. Along with our individual volunteers, we would also like to thank our Spiritual partnership with the Parish of the Bruce who provide Church and Chapel services to our residents, and our Hospice volunteers from Bruce Peninsula Hospice who provide end of life support, and 1:1 friendly visits for our residents. Both partnerships bring great benefit to unique aspects of the home, and we truly appreciate the hard work and dedication. Thank you does not seem grand enough to show our appreciation for all you do for our residents.

St. Patrick's Day

Staff dressed up to bring joy to the residents for St. Patrick's Day.



Woodworking At Gateway Haven

The residents have been enjoying some woodworking over the past few months. The group has made a few bird houses and have their sights set on a completing a bigger job next month. With supervision, the residents have been using a mitre box to help guide the saw to make safe, perfect cuts, then sanding, gluing, nailing, painting and finishing the projects. We have grand ideas to build a mud kitchen for wee ones, planter boxes for the patio, and maybe a few playgrounds for cats. The residents are hoping to one day put their creations up for sale!



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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