

## Ontario's FIRST Residents' Council Week: Celebrating YOUR Successes

*Ontario's first Residents' Councils week (RCW) was officially launched the week of September 14th-20th, and the OARC Board and team were proud to see how residents and their long-term care (LTC) home teams across the province pulled out all the stops to make this week memorable—even in the midst of a pandemic! In this feature spread, we showcase some highlights from your celebrations and events. We were thrilled to receive your emailed submissions and dedicated social media posts. Congratulations to our contest winners who were selected by random draw. **\*Mark your calendars for RCW September 13-19, 2021!\****



### St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre (SJCCC), RCW Social Media Contest Winner

The team at SJCCC in Cornwall documented their RCW events with *daily* social media posts on Twitter. The Residents' Council team led the charge to plan and offer a full week of engaging activities including a colouring program using OARC's mandala template (pictured above), a Centre-wide trivia game, and they capped the week off with a virtual Council meeting featuring a behind-the-scenes-tour of SJCCC's kitchen that was broadcasted for all to see (pictured right).

At the end of the tour, Council leaders worked diligently with SJCCC's Dietary team to provide delicious treats and beverages for all residents!



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## Queensway Long-Term Care and Retirement Community, RCW Activities Contest Winner

Highlighting some of the work of the Residents' Council, residents at the Queensway Long-Term Care and Retirement Community created posters celebrating their collective work. Residents' Council means resident input, fundraising, a place for peer support and a forum where concerns are heard and acknowledged, and much more. Congratulations!



## Extendicare York, RCW Activities Contest Winner

Extendicare York's Residents' Council continues to advocate for the greater good of all residents. With 19 active members, RCW celebrations included a BBQ event, games and an afternoon of sweet treats, including assorted specialty ice cream desserts. Council members were recognized with certificates and tokens for their ongoing commitment and dedication to their peers and home. Congratulations!





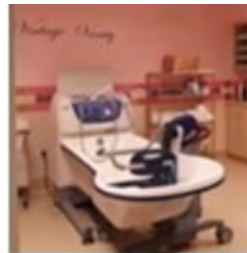
## Avalon Care Centre, RCW Activities Contest Winner

The Residents' Council of Avalon Care Centre in Orangeville highlighted RCW with "Recognize Residents' Council" parties in each home area, fundraisers with enticing prizes, live music and an inspirational virtual visit from a past Olympic Torch holder, Alison Hurd. These and many more activities created a real buzz at Avalon Care Centre. Congratulations!



## Riverview Gardens Presents: Feels Like Home Decorating Challenge Sept 14<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>

Residents and Staff Neighbourhood Teams are invited to join in a Shower/Bath make over challenge.



## Riverview Gardens, RCW Activities Contest Winner

RCW at Riverview Gardens was full of special touches and whole-home engagement! Residents' Council representatives from each floor held a 'meet and greet' for residents and staff, where they distributed copies of the Residents' Bill of Rights, Council information, and OARC "Ask A Resident" pins. Homemade buttons featuring each of the 27 residents' rights were given to staff. A decorating challenge to transform the bath/shower rooms brought everyone closer together for some fun. Congratulations!



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## Celebrating Ontario's FIRST Residents' Council Week Honourable Mentions



At **Copernicus Lodge**, Toronto, Council Chair Mr. Jerzy N. created posters in honour of RCW and participated in OARC Resident Forums with several resident peers from his home.



The Residents' Council at **Delhi Long-Term Care** used RCW as a chance to show appreciation to staff with special smile cookie treats. They also created their own Council mission statement.



The Residents' Council at **Extendicare Maple View**, Sault Ste. Marie, celebrated RCW with morning 'Meet and Greet's in the main lobby where Council President Gordon and Vice President David met with residents and team members. Other events included an interactive game wheel with prizes and a distanced coffee and cake celebration.



Residents' Council President, Pauline N. from **Burton Manor**, Brampton, has championed virtual Residents' Council during the pandemic to keep residents connected and informed. Burton Manor held their first physically-distanced Residents' Council meeting during RCW and hope to keep the momentum going!

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The Residents' Council at **Elgin Manor** in St. Thomas celebrated RCW with music, Residents' Council awareness efforts and fundraising. The "Extend Our Time Outdoors" campaign encouraged families and Community Knitters to bring in new, warm and well-fitted hats, mitts, scarves, coats, capes and lap blankets to allow residents to continue to enjoy time outside in cooler weather. These items will be labelled by the Home with the intended resident's name and available for their use.



At **Golden Years Long-Term Care** in Cambridge, RCW celebrations included a Taste of Ontario BBQ and live outdoor entertainment. Residents and team members were recognized while enjoying Ontario's fall time harvest including fresh corn on the cob. Yum!



Residents at **Dundurn Place Care Centre** in Hamilton used RCW as an opportunity for team members to learn from residents during an interactive "Ask the Resident Day." Residents also helped to design and create content for a new Council brochure.