

Residents' Council Week Highlights!

September 13-19 was our 2nd Annual RC Week



The Residents' Council at **Cedarwood Village** in Simcoe celebrated RC Week by purchasing donuts, coffee, and 90 smile cookies for the residents and staff. The Council provided a lovely treat for all the staff and residents and also generously contributed \$90 to local charities thanks to a Tim Hortons campaign. Residents' Council President Brenda Wardle posed proudly at the treat table!

The residents and team at the **Chartwell Brant Centre** in Burlington had an action-packed week recognizing Residents' Councils! Highlights included:

- Monday:** Booklets of OARC puzzles were delivered to all residents for a fun contest.
- Tuesday:** Afternoon Sing-Along and soft serve ice cream for all residents.
- Wednesday:** Held our monthly Residents' Council meeting with 27 residents joining over Zoom.
- Thursday:** Lunch outing on the patio at Turtle Jacks restaurant.
- Friday:** Outdoor performance by *Smile Theatre* and drew 4 resident names for the puzzle contest prizes!

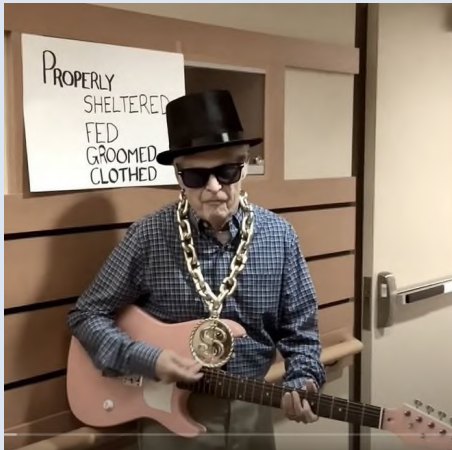


In Barry's Bay, the Residents' Council at **Valley Manor Long-Term Care** home proudly displayed the biographies of Resident Leaders serving on Council, to inform other residents and team members about each residents' personal story, strengths and contributions!



SAVE THE DATE Residents' Council Week 2022: **September 12th - 18th!**

Residents' Rockin' Their Bill of Rights



Earlier this summer, OARC launched a Residents' Bill of Rights Video Challenge in conjunction with Residents' Council Week promotions, to encourage residents and their long-term care teams to work together to create a video to visually represent the 27 rights enshrined in the Long-Term Care Homes Act (2007). We were simply blown away by the positive response we received from the contest and the level of collaboration and creativity behind each submission.

Every home that shared a video was eligible to win a prize— and were we ever thankful that the selection of our winners came down to a draw, as it would have proved to be nearly impossible to decide! Our lucky grand prize winner was the Residents' Council and team at **Elgin Manor** in St. Thomas, Ontario, who's video featured residents "rocking out" and educating audiences to the tune of Beastie Boys 1986 classic song, "(You Gotta) Fight for Your Right (To Party)." The resident voice came through loud and clear, mixed with fun and style!

Creating an educational video is just one way that residents can work together with team members to bring the Bill of Rights to life. When residents are empowered as teachers and team members see the people 'behind the rights' this approach to education brings renewed meaning to mandatory training. To put a fresh spin on residents' rights education at your home, consider OARC's Through Our Eyes Program resource—every home has a hardcopy or you can access it online: <https://www.ontarc.com/education-support/through-our-eyes.html>



(Pictured above from left to right): RBR Video Challenge Top Prize Winners: Golden Manor (Timmins), Elgin Manor (St. Thomas) and Stayner Care Centre (Stayner). Thank you to all who contributed to this special contest!