

Residents' Council Week Highlights

Another Successful Residents' Council Week!

Celebrated annually since 2020, Residents' Council Week takes place during the third week of September and serves as a call to recognize and celebrate the work of Residents' Councils in influencing positive change at the home and long-term care system level. Residents' Council Week is also an opportunity to educate the community about the work of Residents' Councils and the power residents have to shape the places they call home.

We know that healthy, effective Residents' Councils are a sign of collaboration, mutual respect, and trusting relationships between three key entities, or “pillars” as OARC calls them. These pillars include: Residents, Residents' Council (staff) Assistants, and Administrators. With this in mind, this year OARC encouraged homes to focus on strengthening and celebrating the relationship between their three pillars and the results were inspiring!

One home used OARC's newly created, “Three Pillars Fact Sheets,” (available on our website) as educational conversation starters and shared the fact sheets with residents, team members and families during a Residents' Council Week tea social event. Dozens of homes submitted photographs of their three pillars together (like the one on our cover page) participating in home activities and events, and getting to know and understand one another better. We heard stories from homes across the province through email, phone and via social media posts— and we can proudly say that this fourth annual Residents' Council Week was the most widely celebrated yet!

We are already busy planning and preparing for next year's Residents' Council Week— our fifth annual— and look forward to sharing updates along the way! Be sure to follow along.

3 Pillars Photographs:



Maple Health Centre



Port Perry Place



Pioneer Manor

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Bradford Valley Community, Bradford



Mackenzie Health, Richmond Hill



Village Green, Selby



St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, Cornwall



Pinecrest Home, Kenora

Mark your calendars for the **5th Annual Residents' Council Week: September 16th - 22nd, 2024.**

