



Errinrung



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Long Term Care Home
December – 2021



Wow its December already and we have had a fun filled few months in our home. As things start to get back to normal we have been able to bring in so many fun entertainers for our residents, the past few months have been a blast! As we gear up for Christmas we would like to thank all the families that were able to attend the Christmas Tea! We would also like to wish all the staff, residents and families a Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

Just to let everyone know due to Covid we are unable to do our normal decorating for Christmas. Infection control has asked us to decorate same as last year with minimal decorations inside. We just wanted families to know as usually we go over the top with decorations for our residents. We are still going to have an elaborate display of outside decorations for our residents to enjoy this holiday season!



Speaking of Wildlife

Back in October we had Speaking of Wildlife back to bring their animals to see the residents. They taught residents about all the animals as well as did a live presentation for them! They really enjoyed it!



OUR VISION

Bridging Lives together with meaning and purpose

OUR MISSION

“To provide quality care and services through excellence and innovation.

L- Live life to the fullest

I- Implement change through innovation

V- Value freedom of choice

E- Exceed Expectations

Town hall Meetings

Town hall is a virtual meeting with families in LTC and the executive director. The meeting discusses events, policies, changes, ideas and concerns etc. It takes place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3pm and the executive director sends the zoom link to all the families.

Quick recap from last meeting:

Any staff that has a medical exemption to the Covid Vaccine are swabbed daily (currently we have one, not a direct care worker).

- Residents are tested if symptomatic
- Fully Vaccinated Caregivers, staff, general visitors, support workers are all tested with rapid antigen tests once per week. Errinrung is doing our testing on Wednesdays and Thursdays. It will still be required to obtain a weekly negative rapid swab but wait times may be longer on days outside of Wednesday or Thursday.
- You can obtain proof of negative swab if you plan to visit another facility or will be coming back that same day.
- If in outbreak, testing strategies would change based on Public Health recommendations.
- 98% are fully vaccinated
- 2% have a medical exemption
- 97% of Residents
- Vaccine mandate in effect. No staff are hired unless fully vaccinated or have an approved medical exemption to the vaccine. Next meeting is **December 7th at 3pm.**

If you would like to volunteer in our programs department please contact Kristina at ext 6!

Email and Skype

If you would like to
email or skype your
loved one, please feel
free to contact

Kristina at
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The programs
department would
love to help our
residents connect
with members of
their family.



December Events

December 2nd- Christmas Photo Shoot

December 3rd- Catholic Church

December 6th – Live Music with Rick Groves

December 6th- Movement for Life with Louise Potts

December 8th- Live Music with David L

December 9th- Tour de Errinrung

December 10th- Live Music with Jim and Mary Lang

December 13th – Movement for Life

December 14th- Resident Council

December 17th- Christmas Karaoke

December 20th- Movement for Life

December 21st- First Day of Winter!

December 22nd- Music with The Gold's

December 25th- Christmas Day!

December 26th- Boxing Day

December 31st- Happy New Year!



Welcome Cherie Diaz!

We would like to
extend a warm
welcome to our new
retirement manager
and ALC bed lead
Cherie Diaz! Cherie
comes to us with lots
of community and
LTC experience and
is excited to take on
the role! Debbie will
be returning to the
resident services
manager position to
assist with PSWs in
the evening. If you
see Cherie please
say hello and
introduce yourself!



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As we approach winter months we remind families to wear change their boots into indoor shows when they come in the building. This helps to reduce falls and keep our home clean!

BPSO Designation Underway

As mentioned in our previous newsletter we are in the midst of gaining our Best Practice Spotlight Organization designation at Errinrung. We have chosen the topics person and family centered care and preventing pressure ulcers. We meet once per week to discuss and work on action plans to see where we are now and what goals are met and where the gaps are. Some benefits to be derived from being an RNAO Best Practice Spotlight Organization are:

- Support (including some financial) for the implementation and evaluation of best practice guidelines
- Access to implementation resources
- Networking opportunities with other BPSOs
- Support to attend the RNAO' Annual BPSO Symposium and Final Summit to support continued capacity development and knowledge dissemination
- Participation in research studies
- Participation in various aspects of guideline development, implementation projects and dissemination activities.
- Access to expert consultation on guideline implementation and uptake. If you would like to learn more about this designation please contact Dona Kurian or Cherie Diaz!

Changes in Executive Director

It is with great sadness that we announce that Leanne Haynes will be resigning from her position as executive director. At the same time we are overjoyed that she is still going to be working in the home and other Southbridge homes as director of Quality and Operational excellence. We would like to welcome Dona Kurian to the position of Executive Director!!! We are currently interviewing candidates for the position of DOC.

Drumfit!

Never a dull afternoon at Errinrung! We combined exercise and fun in our drum-fit classes

