

# Wild West Social!



## A Message from the Executive Director

Since my last Executive Director update, there are number of activities and announcements about the Readers' Choice Award; LTC Development Project; recent Bennett fundraising activities and staffing change. I want to thank everyone for nominating the Bennett Centre Long-Term Care for the Independent & Free Press Readers' Choice Award, we won 'Gold' in the Retirement /Adult Lifestyle Community category, in Halton Hills. The Ontario Health Central Region recently announced that the Bennett Centre Long-Term Care has been given "Francophone identification status"; thus, enabling Bennett to receive free French translation services and free French classes for staff. This identification also requires the Bennett to create a FSL (French as a Second Language) Committee to ensure the Home meets all the Ministry requirements on bilingual programs and services. By having this recognition, the Home is preparing for the development of the new Home which will have a dedicated Francophone unit.

Late July, the Bennett Centre welcomed our Francophone visitors from the various agencies. They came from across Halton Region and the Greater Toronto Area, to visit our facility but also meet with staff to learn about the long-term care (LTC) admission process and Ministry requirements for all LTC homes. They also participated in the recent Francophone survey conducted by the Dennis Group (Fundraising Consultant) to seek input from the Francophone community on fundraising for the new LTC Home.

Since Spring, the Dennis Group has created the Pre-Campaign Team (PCT) which has representation from the Board, local businesses, Bennett Family Council, and staff. Their role is to begin discussing and reviewing the capital campaign logo, slogan, and information package for potential donors. The campaign materials will be presented to the September LTC Development Committee and Board for approval. The Board will be able to launch their Capital Campaign later this year.

In early September, a panel representing the Board, LTC Development Committee, Architect, Financial Advisor, and staff will be reviewing the RFPs to hire the Project Manager and Operational Consultant by the end of September. These two contract positions will be responsible for preparing a number of required Ministry reports including, seeking the approval from the Ministry for the next phase of this LTC Development Project.

This summer, the Marketing & Fundraising Committee held two fundraising events: the Pub Night and the Bottle Drive to support the Bennett Centre. Both events raised approximately \$7,000. Thank you to everyone who participated in these two events. There are two more fall fundraising events planned: a GoFundMe campaign will be launch in early Fall along with the sale of the 2022 calendar which will have artwork from both the Gallery and Bennett residents.

Finally, I want to inform you that I will be leaving Bennett Village in my capacity as the Executive Director later this year. I have informed the Bennett Village Board at their August meeting and they have commenced the search for the new Executive Director.

**Visit our new website [www.bennettvillage.ca](http://www.bennettvillage.ca)**



# Bennett Centre Family Newsletter

## September 2021

### Recreation Update

We are so happy to announce that our regularly scheduled programs have resumed in the recreation department! On top of volunteers and entertainers coming back to the home, we have resumed outings to the local Georgetown Marketplace and local restaurants! If you would like your loved one to participate please contact Rachel at [RAMIRAULT@haltonhealthcare.com](mailto:RAMIRAULT@haltonhealthcare.com). We also ask that you please add funds to your loved ones trust accounts to allow them to participate in the outings and take out suppers.

We welcome families and volunteers to join us at the mall outings which occur on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Rachel at the above email if you're interested in joining us on the outings!

Thank you,  
Recreation Team

### COVID-19 Immunity Study

The Bruyère Research Institute C19 Immunity Study results are now available for those who have participated. The second round of sample collection is expected to start at the beginning of October. This will allow at least three weeks to pass after the Residents have had the third vaccine dose. The goal of this research study is to better understand the level and duration of immunity against COVID-19 in Long Term Care. Residents, Staff and Families are able to participate. If you are interested in joining the Immunity study please contact Alison Agnew for further information at [aagnew@bennettvillage.ca](mailto:aagnew@bennettvillage.ca)

### A Message from Family Council

Hello Bennett Centre family members! We're getting to see a lot more normalcy now with the easing of visiting restrictions over the last couple of months. However, we all have questions and concerns regarding our loved ones that live at the Bennett, as well as the Bennett operations. The Bennett Family Council has a regular monthly meeting (on a Thursday @ 7:30 pm for approx. 30 minutes). We discuss the messages shared by the Bennett leadership group, and we can create/ask the Bennett leadership with any follow-up or new questions and concerns that are pertinent to all of us. It's an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Bennett centre operation and to share information with each other.

Please join us!

Our next Zoom call is scheduled for Thursday, September 23. (7:30 pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88170877572...>

Meeting ID: 881 7087 7572

Passcode: 873348

If you don't want to use Zoom, you can phone into the meeting. Dial any of these numbers below (depending on your location) and enter the Meeting ID & Password above: +1 647 558 0588 Canada

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- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Bennettfamilycouncil/>  
It's a private Facebook group/page to discuss/join/be made aware of topics.

Visit [www.fco.ngo](http://www.fco.ngo) (Family Councils of Ontario). See what they do and how they help.

Regards,

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