



## Merry Christmas Bennett Centre family members!

First, the Family Council wishes to thank Soo Wong for the tireless work and dedication as the executive director in the last two years. We are going to miss you so much! Good luck to you in your future endeavors!

Welcome to Mike Bakewell and Arnold Dendamera! The Family Council looks forward to working with you both as well as the rest of the staff to continue making the Bennett Centre a safe and enjoyable place for the residents to live. It's going to be an exciting year!

There will be no Family Council Zoom call/meeting in the month of December as most of us are busy preparing for Christmas. We will be considering a new date/time for future meetings. Look for an announcement on this soon.

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

Regards,  
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# Bennett Centre Family Newsletter

## December 2021

### Executive Director Message

By: Mike Bakewell

Hello Bennett Centre Families!

Although I've had the privilege of meeting a number of you, for many, this is my first opportunity to introduce myself. I joined the Bennett Village team on November 22 in the role of Executive Director, and was immediately struck by how wonderful of a home I'm becoming a part of. It has been heartwarming to see the life in the home, with families, staff, management and the home's Board of Directors all doing everything they can to make this the best home it can be for its residents.

It's evident that Soo and the rest of the team here have put a great deal of heart and soul into this home, and I clearly have big shoes to fill. I'm looking forward to putting my 20 years of Long-Term Care and 10 years of organizational leadership experience to work to meet this challenge head-on!

I'm very exciting to get to know all of the home's family members and working with you, along with all other stakeholders, to continue the traditional of excellence expected of Bennett Village!

I wish you all a very safe and joyous holiday season!



### Visiting Policy Changes

Please check our website for updates on the current visiting policy changes.

Family Council Update