

# Bennett Centre Family Newsletter

## October 2023



Please remember to wait for the front door to close completely before walking away, and ensure you are not being followed by any of our residents on the way out.

Thank you!



### RIDERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR SANTA PARADE FLOAT

Calling all Bennett families, it is that festive time of year again, and we are busily planning our parade float for a fun evening! So mark your calendar, bring the family and join us on our float on November 18, 2023 from 5pm to 7pm!

Contact Alison at [acurtis@bennettvillage.ca](mailto:acurtis@bennettvillage.ca) to sign up to for a fun, festive, musical ride in the Georgetown Santa Parade.

We are also looking for volunteers to set up/tear down.



A reminder to please ensure that all articles of clothing are labelled. Please see the Ward Clerk for a clothing form to fill out.

### Thank You for Supporting Our Fabulous Fall Fielding Estate Winery Fundraiser

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank those of you ordered some of these amazing Fielding Estate Winery wines and by doing so, have helped us to get one step closer to raising \$25,000 to purchase the state-of-the-art interactive projector unit to support our resident's physical and cognitive wellbeing.

If you missed this fundraiser, don't worry there are always opportunities to donate. You can visit our website and donate via Bennett Village on Canada Helps anytime, and look out for information about our Annual Holiday Appeal, coming in November.



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## Family Council

Hello Family Members!

First, a warm welcome to new family members to the Bennett Centre in recent weeks. We hope you can join us in the Family Council meetings that we have once a month.

Our next Family Council zoom meeting will again be a hybrid meeting: Thursday October 26 from 7:00-7:30pm

Join In-person at the Bennett Centre Boardroom OR Join via Zoom (link will be sent via email to all families the day before the meeting)

Get involved: We need your involvement in the Family Council. 30min of your time 1x / month is very important. Please find the time to join us for this very worthwhile monthly meeting.

Why Attend?

- Collective opportunity to safely share experiences and concerns regarding our loved ones living at the Bennett Centre.
- We can share any concerns and issues with the Bennett executive, anonymously.
- The Bennett executive is always very receptive to any concerns. They will address and correct anything they can in their power. They are obligated to provide a written response for every item we raise.
- Family Councils are a government mandated tool to give the family a say in the environment that they want their loved ones to live in.
- Even if you are satisfied with the Bennett environment and don't have any concerns, you can still listen to others who might have concerns and share your like experiences. You may be unaware of issues until you hear other family members share their concerns. This is the most important benefit of a Family Council.

Neil & Rick

Co-Chairs, Bennett Centre Family Council

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## **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

### **Elsa, Housekeeping Staff**

Elsa has been a member of the Bennett Centre Housekeeping team since 2020. She has the amazing ability to support everyone in the home including residents while still doing an incredible job keeping our home clean in the evenings. We all appreciate the hard work she puts in every single day!

If you would like to nominate someone for Employee of the month please tell a member of the Leadership team, or email Sonia at [sfedele@bennettvillage.ca](mailto:sfedele@bennettvillage.ca)

### **Welcome back to the dining room**

Caregivers and general visitors can now accompany residents in the dining room to provide them with meal assistance. We do ask that you wear a mask in the dining room as you may be sitting near other residents. Hand hygiene upon entering the dining room is also required. Please stay tuned for more details to come on purchasing meal tickets and details on eating with a Resident.



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