



Bennett Centre Family Newsletter

December 2023

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 future Family Council meetings that we usually have once a month.

We are continuing a pause in our meetings in December. Our next Family Council meeting will be a hybrid meeting: Thursday January 25 from 7:00-7:30pm. You can join us on Zoom or in person at the Bennett Centre boardroom (details and link will be shared in an email next month).

It's always scheduled for the 4th Thursday of the month. We need your involvement in the Family Council. 30 minutes of your time, one time a month is very important. We hope to see more of you in 2024!

Annual Bennett Staff Holiday Appreciation Day: Many thanks for all the generous donations we've received in the last couple of weeks. It was truly overwhelming. The Family Council is hosting a lunch on Monday, December 18 for the deserving staff at the Bennett Centre. We know already that it will be a success thanks to you!

We wish all the families, staff and residents a Merry Christmas and a very happy 2024!

Neil & Rick

Co-Chairs, Bennett Centre Family Council

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Ruth, RN



Ruth in an RN, is a strong leader, reliable, team player and great support for residents, families and staff. Thank you Ruth for all that you do in our home. Your hard work is appreciated!

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

Join us for our Resident and Family Holiday Party!

Pictures with Santa
Bake Sale
Live Music
And Delicious Hot Chocolate



Wednesday, December 20th 2023
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Dear Families,

Just a reminder to please support our FundScrip Gift card fundraiser when purchasing your gift cards this holiday season. Please see the email sent out for more information on how to order.

Thank you for your support!



GIVE THE GIFT of Gift Cards

Purchase your gift card through FundScrip and Bennett Centre gets a percentage from the retailers...a win-win fundraiser!

With over 200+ retailers, there's a gift card for everyone!

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IT'S EASY TO ORDER YOUR GIFT CARDS

- Just go to <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group>
- Enter this invitation code-5CRX6A
- Purchase your cards (You get the amount you pay for)
- They will be delivered directly to you!
- The retailers donate a percentage to us
- For more info contact Tracey at twellon@bennettvillage.ca



Annual Holiday Appeal 2023

Our Annual Holiday Appeal is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please donate what you can to help us purchase this amazing projector technology to support our residents' cognitive and physical needs. Look out for the emails and donation forms or donate using the blue donate button on our website. Donation forms are also available at reception.

Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated!



Thank you to our wonderful Art Therapy students Maria and Monica! December is their last month with us, but we are hoping they will come visit soon!

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine program

The Ontario Ministry of Health has launched a high-risk Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine program, which offers a publicly-funded dose of the RSV vaccine for adults 60 years of age and older living in Long-term care homes. RSV is a major cause of lower respiratory illness, particularly among infants, children, and older adults. In Ontario, most deaths from RSV have occurred in those aged 60 years and older. Older adults in long-term care and retirement homes also have longer hospital stays related to RSV than the general population.

RSV Vaccine Information

Health Canada has authorized the RSV vaccine which is called Arexvy, for use in the prevention of lower respiratory tract disease caused by RSV in adults 60 years of age and older. The vaccine Arexvy is given by a single dose intramuscular (IM) injection. Our home is expected to receive a supply of RSV vaccine soon.

We will be contacting all residents and their POA or SDMs for consent prior to administering the vaccine.

Visit our website at www.bennettvillage.ca