



Vinnie's Seasonal Scoop

House Updates

Please welcome Debbie in her new role as Director of Resident Care. Joanna is looking forward to taking on her role as Infection Prevention and Control Designate. Judy has expanded her role to include to be the 5th floor Resident Care manager.

We have moved our mandatory education for staff to Surge Learning. This is an online program which will give a more innovative way for staff to learn.

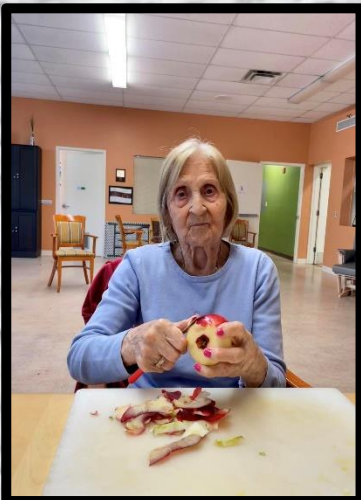
At our staff BBQ new shirts with our logo and image that was created by a staff that won the contest that ran during the summer.

At the end of October, we will be saying goodbye to two of our longstanding staff: Lauren Richardson, our Clinical Dietitian, is retiring after 30 years of services and Tracey Slaunwhite, who works in the Nutrition service Department is retiring after 34 years of service. Congratulations to the both of you!



Choir members

Residents who love singing hymns are welcome to attend our monthly choir practice... watch for it on your calendars! For further information you can ask Debbie (Chaplain), Darrel (music therapist) or a member of the recreation team. Keep on singing!!!



Recruitment News

We continue to see significant vacancies in our Continuing Care Assistant roles. Sheryl has been working hard with our partners at the Health Association of Nova Scotia (HANS) to hire new recruits from outside of Canada. We have also been focussing on recruiting from local colleges. I want to thank all the staff who made the students from Oxford College feel so welcomed during their recent clinical placement. They spread the word to their classmates, and we have successfully hired 22 of the students. Some will graduate in October with the others graduating in January. We have also partnered with Eastern College to provide an earn while you learn program. The classes started September 11, 2023. These students will be available to work at least 2 days a week starting the end of November.

With Lauren's retirement, we are in the process of hiring a new Dietitian. The posting will be released soon so stay tuned.

We are always looking for staff in Nutrition Services, Environmental Services, RN, and LPN roles. If you know of anyone who wants to join our caring community send them to Sheryl.

Safety is all our responsibility.

We all have a duty to ensure each other's safety in our community. We all need to be looking out for anything that may pose a risk to resident, employee, visitor, or volunteer safety. If you see a risk and can manage it safely (e.g. cords on the floor that could pose a tripping hazard, or a wet floor) then do so. If it is something that cannot be easily managed (e.g. a piece of equipment that is not working correctly) then report it immediately to a supervisor/manager to address it.

Did you know that Saint Vincent's Nursing Home uses a tag out system for equipment? If a piece of equipment is not working correctly, staff simply place one of these orange tags on it and then place a workorder in the system for maintenance. If you see an orange tag, DO NOT USE the equipment. Only a member of the maintenance team may remove the tag once it has been put on.



Autum is full of colorful Activities.

For the fall, please keep an eye out on the calendars for the following special programs:

October

Pumpkin carving
Trick or treat cart.
Halloween movie night

November

Remembrance Day Service
Christmas Bake Sale, 50/50, and Cronies Sale
Shopping Trip
Welcome back Greg & the Gang!"



Nutrition Tidbits

There will be a resident menu committee on October 5th at 2:30 in the Windsor Room

We will be transitioning to our Winter menu on Monday October 9th

We will be having our Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday October 8th –Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, and butternut squash. Pumpkin pie for dessert.

We will be celebrating "Oktoberfest" on Monday October 16th with a traditional German meal – Sauerbraten, Boiled potatoes, Braised Red cabbage, and German Chocolate cake for dessert. And of course (near) beer!

We are in the testing phase on 5th floor for our new Dietary App and it is going well.

