



Season's Greetings from the Bennett Centre!



Over the last year, it has been a privilege for the Bennett Centre to provide a home and care for the seniors of Halton Hills. In keeping

with the requirements of the new Long Term Care Homes Act, there has been a greater emphasis on involving residents and their families in the decision-making regarding care and services.

The Board continues to pursue the vision of a "Bennett Village" that provides accommodation and care ranging from independent living at The Gallery to long term care in the Bennett Health Care Centre. As a result of discussions with senior residents in our community and professional agencies, the Board is now ready to select its next project in the Village. In addition to providing housing, we are committed to provide supports and services that will promote and prolong independence, such as meals, health care, supports for daily living and recreation.

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank the staff, management and volunteers for their dedication to making the Bennett programs truly remarkable residences for seniors and people with special needs.



Madonna Benoit
Chair, Board of Directors

It can't be a "home" without the right people to make it so!

Barb Allen, one of our original employees from the Bennett's March 1, 1999 opening, retired on November 25. Barb epitomized the values and spirit of the Bennett Centre and many can attest to her warm and welcoming manner. Barb conducted most of the "tours" from visiting families as they went from home to home looking for the right place for mom or dad. The move into long-term care can be traumatic due to unfamiliarity and even rumours that often pervade this corner of the health care world. Barb's mother, Nell, lived out her last days at the Bennett Centre and she knew just what families needed to know to make them comfortable during these tours.



Barb was also every residents' friend and confidant. She helped them write out cheques and pay the bills

when their eyesight weakened. She kept their "pin money" and credit cards in the Reception safe until they needed it for the next Mall shopping trip. She helped them with their laundry challenges and other problems that would arise from day to day. No request was too small for immediate action and no request was ever too big! It will be hard to replace all of those attributes in one person, but that is our goal! Thanks Barb for all your great years at the Bennett!

Mark Ewer
Administrator



GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR RESIDENTS

- ✓ Warm bathrobes
- ✓ Non-skid, expandable slippers
- ✓ Loose, warm socks
- ✓ Non-shrinkable pyjamas
- ✓ Comfortable footwear, easy to remove
- ✓ Washable sweaters (*no wool please*)
- ✓ Photo albums, memory books, digital picture frames
- ✓ Favourite treats in an enclosed container
- ✓ A monthly bouquet of flowers
- ✓ A manicure or pedicure
- ✓ Hairdressing gift certificate
- ✓ Guest book for visitors to write in

Clothing Labelling

Please bring in new clothes for labelling prior to the holiday season if possible. This is also a good time to make room for new clothes by clearing out the last season or worn items from residents' closets and drawers.

The Flu Stops with You!

Please to take following precautions when visiting the Centre:

- Get an annual flu vaccination; the evidence is clear that individuals are healthier and residents are safer when everyone is vaccinated!
- Refrain from visiting the Bennett when you're not feeling well, have a fever greater than 38 degrees C, have a new cough or have shortness of breath;
- Use the gel dispenser upon entering and exiting the home to clean your hands;
- Follow the home's visiting requirements particularly when in "Outbreak".



Alison and Kathyann demonstrate the new "Point of Care" system that records all of the resident care provided.

Fun Times at the Bennett...



Tamara (left), Terry (front) and Marg (back right) dress festively for St. Patrick's Day.



Ken meets a young friend during a visit to the local mall.



Donations Gratefully Accepted

Donations made to the Bennett Centre are invested back into the facility directly benefiting the residents.

You can support the Bennett by providing...

- A monthly or annual gift;
- A donation in memory of a loved-one;
- A planned gift such as a bequest, charitable gift annuity, life insurance, RRSP, RRIF, etc., through new or existing accounts and policies (consult with your legal and financial advisors)
- Donate time and expertise by becoming a volunteer.

Some examples of what donations have funded in the past

- Big screen television for the Fireplace Lounge;
- Tub and shower room renovations;

- Neuro-Gym exercise equipment to help residents return to and maintain an optimum level of health and well being;
- Kitchen equipment used to prepare nutritious meals;
- Equipment needed to meet high infection control standards.

Donations can be made by cash, cheque and credit card through the Bennett Centre or by visiting www.Canadahelps.org to make an online contribution. Donations received prior to December 31st of this year qualify for a 2011 charitable tax receipt. Please contact the Centre for more information.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated and supported our Holly Fair. It was a great success!

Coming Events...

Please visit www.bennetthealthcarecentre.ca or check the Centre's activity board for the monthly calendar and current events. Recreation staff can also be contacted at ext. 8511 for updates.

SALVATION ARMY BAND AND GIFT DISTRIBUTION

Sunday, December 4 at 1:00 pm

STEWARTTOWN SCHOOL CAROL SING AND CHRISTMAS PLAY

Wednesday, December 7 at 10:00 am

4TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING EVENT

December 8 at 7:00 pm

RESIDENT, FAMILY & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 14 at 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

December 18 at 6:30 pm

HOME-STYLE CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 25 at noon

Family members and friends are welcome to attend. Please sign up on the sheet in the Bennett dining room or contact the Centre. Tickets must be purchased in advance at a cost of \$10.00 from Reception, Recreation or Finance.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

December 31 at noon





The Gallery may be the place for you!



Georgetown's Premium 60 plus Lifestyle Community continues to draw rave reviews. Naturally located on the Halton Trail System, The Gallery offers residents an active lifestyle with ideal proximity to

quality health care services across the road on Princess Anne Drive and downtown amenities on Main Street. Come and see why The Gallery is the place to make your next move to. **Contact Paul Skinner at 905.702.1247 or visit bennettvillage.ca.**

With over 17 committees and their many activities, The Gallery is an exciting place to live. At Christmas time, we especially enjoy the many opportunities to join our fellow residents, family and friends to celebrate this joyous season. We would like to express our gratitude to the Bennett Health Care Centre and its volunteers for our beautiful Gallery home. ***Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***

John Lenz, Chair, Residents Association Executive



Shirley, Ron, John, Kathy and Dot

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Bennett Health Care Centre Mission Statement

To be the community leader in the provision of high quality, safe housing, long term care and services for seniors and people with special needs in an integrated campus setting.

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