

# RESIDENT AND FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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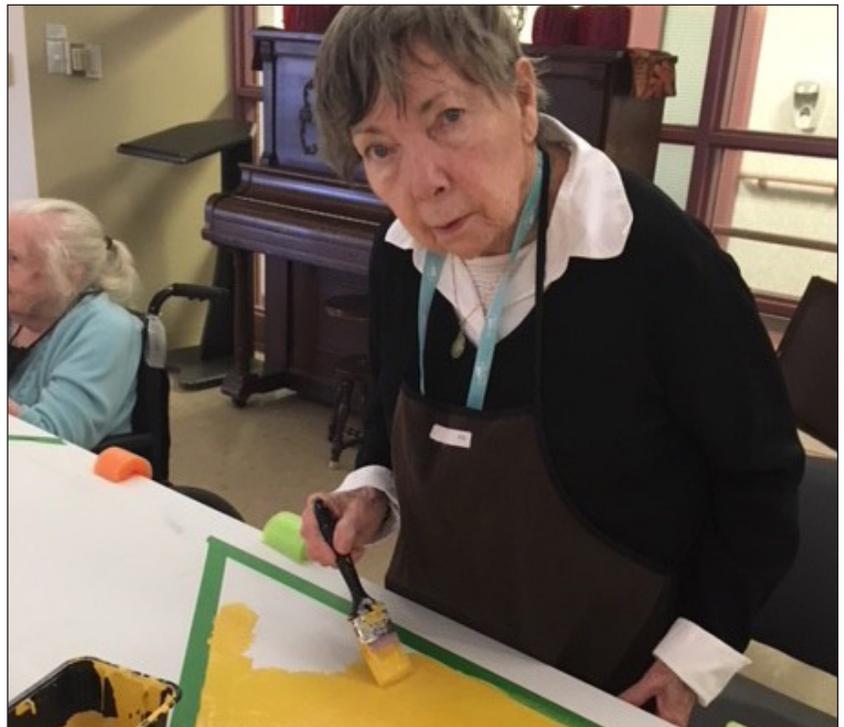
## Your Home

### Resource tool

Simcoe Manor is rolling out the Resident Room Resource Tool that was successfully piloted at Georgian Manor. This tool is being put into place to ensure more resident-specific care is provided. This allows staff to utilize a complete resource while providing care in their own rooms.

### Telemedicine services

OTN (Ontario Telemedicine Network) is available in all County of Simcoe Long Term Care Homes and provides residents with the opportunity to access medical appointments without leaving the facility. Families can advocate to health-care providers to offer Telemedicine services for their loved ones to minimize transportation costs while accessing specialized care anywhere in the province. OTN is a non-for-profit organization funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and is free to access for all Ontario residents. If you have questions regarding the service speak to the RN or Director of Care.



**Simcoe Manor and Village has partnered with County of Simcoe Tourism Department in a fantastic Barn Quilting project. Each completed quilt will be hung and showcased on local community barns.**



## Volunteer Coffee TALK

### Stay tuned for our Volunteer Coffee Talk

This new program invites staff and volunteers to come together to chat, enjoy a cup of coffee and treats. Next scheduled Coffee Talk will be posted at the home.



### It's that time of year again

Please remember to take home summer clothes to make room for your loved one's winter clothing.

### Fundraising

Simcoe Manor is off to a great start with its fundraising events in support of a new wheelchair accessible bus for residents and clients. Thus far, the Casino Rama trip, car wash, silent auction, and Family Council donation has raised more than \$3,000 to date, in addition to \$67,000 in generous donations. Upcoming fundraisers include "Score your Leaf Tickets" - \$10/each or 3 for \$25 and Basket Draw (Dec.). We'd like to thank the New Tecumseth Fire Department for their generous support with the car wash.

### Antibiotic use

We have partnered with Central LHIN Public Health embarking on a practice change initiative (UTI program) looking at antibiotic use in our home. This is in line with our current policies and procedures and is well supported by our Medical Director.

### Volunteer education night

The annual volunteer education night took place September 25. Thank you to all who attended!

### Saving energy, money

Our ESS department is continually working to save energy costs. For example, when our lights need repair, we replace them with energy efficient LED lights.



Another successful Volunteer Coffee Talk took place August 22.



The traveling library cart with Michael is still going strong. Residents have the opportunity to borrow a book from the cart.



Thank you to our 10 student volunteers who helped with the Car Wash Fundraiser. They worked very hard for four hours washing and drying cars. We raised \$816.



Left, residents enjoyed plenty of tasty corn for dinner in August and September. Above, Simcoe Manor has had 16 new youth volunteers join the team since July, contributing 686 hours of service.

# Our Commitment to You

## A Message from Jane Sinclair, GM, Health & Emergency Services

We hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall season and looking forward to the holidays. We are excited to bring you the most recent updates about what's happening in your home or residence, as we continue working diligently to ensure the highest quality of care for our residents.

At Georgian Village, our Sodexo contract has ended as of September 2018 and we are so pleased to welcome these employees as new members of our County Team! We look forward to delivering all campus services directly by your friends from the County of Simcoe.

The County's Age-Friendly Community Planning initiative, led by an Advisory Committee of more than 37 members representing various organizations and older adults across the region, celebrate seniors in our communities by recognizing National Seniors Day on October 1, 2018.

As such, a proclamation was declared by Deputy Warden Terry Dowdall along with a press release to acknowledge and thank seniors in Simcoe County for their



**Jane Sinclair**  
General Manager

tremendous contributions to the community and businesses.

Further to the 2018 provincial budget, Georgian Manor, Simcoe Manor, Sunset Manor and Trillium Manor will receive annual base of \$54,100 for falls and injury prevention equipment.

As a result of this funding, plans have been made to purchase falls prevention equipment such as alarms, fall mats, hip protectors and Ultimate Walkers. This equipment has shown success in limiting potential injury and thus reducing the need for transfer to hospital.

New funding in the amount of \$90K has been received by the Société Santé en français Inc. to strengthen French language services capacity in long term care and seniors housing. Georgian Manor is officially identified by the province as a long term care home that provides French Language Services to its residents and includes

a prioritization structure with the provincial placement process.

This Health Canada funding will support sustaining and expanding French Language Services that are offered at Georgian Manor and Village. Specifically, this program funding will enable better understanding and support of the needs of our Francophone population, enhance signage and pertinent documents, develop bilingual recruiting practices, and strengthen community engagement.

In 2018, the province increased funding to the County to support the addition of five new nursing positions to our Specialized Behavioural Support Team.

This program provides support to residents with behavioural needs across all 26 long-term care homes in the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN. With Dementia impacting the lives of one in every 10 individuals 65+, we are so pleased to offer additional resources to support our residents, their families, and our staff.

Hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter and look forward to bringing you updates soon!



Left, Simcoe Manor PSS supervisor, Rosa, and resident Jerry at the annual Food Show /Seniors Information Fair. Middle, volunteer Susan with resident Mary at the fair. Right, Simcoe Village clients and staff during our monthly BBQ corn roast.

# Fresh Faces

Mallory Gallant, Dietary Aide  
Laura Tavner, Housekeeping Aide  
Florentina Spensieri, PSW  
Kendall Verner, PSW  
Allison Bolton, PSW

Lori Young, PSW  
Jodi Curry, RN  
Anna Kostyukova, RN  
Ariel Izevbigie, RN  
Pramod Koirala, RN

Courtney Thomas, PSS staff  
Amanda Summers, PSS staff  
Lara Cooke, RPN

## New volunteers

Welcome to Simcoe Manor's newest volunteers: Alison Best, Ethan Bonerath, Gianna Bonsi, Willow Dedels, Liam Hoepp, Diane Huntley, Sai Jaladi, Manu Kattimani, Sierra Kuipers, Quinn McCormick, Valene Mondelli, Taya Nicol, Carolyn Nystrom, Jayon Parles, Natasha Sharp, Tehya Sheekey, Chantel and Kristine Pelyea, and Kaylah Spence.

## Don't forget your flu shot

It takes 14 days after the vaccination to be fully immunize, so make sure

you get your vaccination early. The flu vaccine is both safe and one of the most effective methods of preventing the flu. You can get your flu shot at your doctor's office or a local pharmacy. If you have symptoms of a cold or flu, please kindly refrain from visiting the home.

## Christmas dinners

The annual Christmas Dinners hosted by Simcoe Manor take place this year on December 6 (Adjala, Nottawasaga and Essa) and December 7 (Innisfil and Tosorontio).

## Office hours

Our staff are dedicated to ensuring the utmost care and efficiency during medication administration times and meal service, please try not to call the Home areas during the hours of 8-9 AM, noon-12:30 PM, and 5-5:30 PM.

## Holiday hours

Simcoe Manor's Office holiday hours:  
December 25, 2018 – Closed  
December 26, 2018 – Closed  
December 27, 2018 – 11 AM – 7 PM  
December 29, 2018 – Closed  
January 1, 2019 – Closed

## County Administration Team



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General Manager

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