



# Kindness

Nursing Home Week | Semaine des foyers de soins

# Gentillesse

Rain or shine, nursing home volunteers visited **Forest Dale Home** in Riverside-Albert every Thursday for window visits during the pandemic. Always enthusiastic and full of energy, this act of kindness brightening the lives of the residents throughout this tough time.



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Sometimes the best way to help is to make people feel seen and heard. That's why **Loch Lomond Villa**, in Saint John, brought the employees together to kick off Mental Health Week by filling a 6 ft heart with white stones outside of the home to bring awareness to mental health. This initiative was supported with the help of local companies.





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Des élèves d'une école élémentaire de Tracadie-Sheila ont animés et aidés les résidents des **Résidences Inkerman** de jouer au Bingo. Pour certains résidents, des élèves bénévoles leurs ont promenés et racontés des histoires de leurs quotidiens. Une belle activité qui sera surement répétée à nouveau avant la fin des classes!



THANK YOU STAFF,  
FOR BEING:



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At **Rexton Lions Nursing Home**, it's all the little things that count. Acts of Kindness are often seen between staff and residents, or from the family members that take the time to say '*thank you*'. Over the years, residents expressed words of gratitude to the staff with handmade crafts, community members donating lap quilts for residents, or local students creating Valentine's Day cards to help the residents feel the love during this special holiday.



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**Kings Way Care Centre** staff, families and community neighbours from Quispamsis collected medical supplies for Ukraine. A small local business owned by a Ukrainian woman put out a call for assistance, and within two days Kings Way had 4 boxes of supplies ready to ship to the front lines.



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An independent Scentsy representative in Riverside-Albert held a buddy drive to ensure every resident at **Forest Dale Home** had a gift under their tree on Christmas day.

To add to the community kindness of Riverside-Albert, a local insurance company donated an iPad at the beginning of the pandemic to bridge the gap when families were not permitted to visit their loved ones.



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**Salvation Army Lakeview Manor's** Community Council in Riverview goes 'above and beyond'. The residents and staff have been treated to parades, chocolates, encouraging cards and oodles of encouraging and supportive messages. So many Acts of Kindness from an incredible group of volunteers. Such wonderful partners.





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**Fundy Nursing Home** in Blacks Harbour is very fortunate to have families that go above and beyond to thank us for caring and loving for their loved one. The residents' families are so appreciative, they share their gratitude through random acts of kindness regularly.



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On January 31<sup>st</sup>, the local credit union dropped off over 250 care packages for the staff at **Kenneth E Spencer Memorial Home** in Moncton to say '*Thank you!*'

Over the Christmas holidays, the Wellness Committee of the nursing home facilitated food drive to gather 3 Christmas boxes for local families in need.





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After what seemed like a never-ending winter, the residents of **Mill Cove Nursing Home** finally got out for a much-needed bus ride. A local convenience and Robins store gifted the residents with delicious coffee which put a smile on everyone's face. The home has such great neighbours and amazing community volunteers. Thank you to all that you do for the residents of the nursing home.



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**Loch Lomond Villa** is incredibly fortunate to receive help from volunteers with the landscaping! Each spring, local volunteers bring students clean up the grounds, and make sure the home is beautiful for the residents and staff to enjoy during the summer months.

Another act of kindness to **Loch Lomond Villa Residents**, a local company in Saint John generously provided close to 280 fresh cut Gerber Daisies to be distributed to the all the residents to enjoy.





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During a Covid outbreak at **Villa Renaissance**, a covid positive gentleman, verbalized his fear while expressing his faith in his religion, held hands and prayed with care staff working in the Covid unit. Due to protocol, the gentleman was unable to bring any personal items with him to the Covid unit; a care staff tucked his bible under his blanket as it brought him much comfort in this time of crisis. Knowing that this gentleman would be unable to bring the bible back to his room after recovery, the care staff decided to go to a bookstore to get a bible for his return. When the store owner heard why the bible was being purchased, refused payment. This gentleman made a full recovery and is now reading his new bible, made readily available by the generosity and kindness of others.



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Over the years, **Westford Nursing Home** in Port Elgin has been blessed with many acts of kindness; a local flower farm gifted bundles of tulips to decorate the home, local crafters donated quilts to give comfort to the residents and wreathes for the holiday season, a community parade with the fire department to show support to the residents during the pandemic, countless cards and goodies for the residents and staff to feel appreciated, and let's not forget the kindness of the residents for organizing two fundraiser walks!



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**Rocmaura Foundation** is thrilled to offer the Aubrey Reid Memorial Scholarships to three student staff members who demonstrate Rocmaura's mission; to provide compassionate care. The scholarships would not be possible without the donation from Aubrey Reid's family and the Sisters of Charity. Aubrey Reid was a board member at Rocmaura for many years and served as Board Chair, alongside his sister. We are very grateful for their gift that is having such a positive impact on our home.



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The support of the volunteers and family members of the **Dr. V.A. Snow Centre** has been incredible. From the maintenance and nurturing of our magnificent flower gardens and vegetable garden, to the building seasonal outdoor displays for the residents and staff to enjoy, the scenic drives in the Snow bus, providing spiritual comfort, helping with programs and to simply be present; our community volunteers have made an unforgettable imprint on our residents and staff over the years with many acts of kindness.

