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Convalescent Care Program Helps 34 Residents Return to Their Home

North Bay.... Over the past year Leisureworld Caregiving Centre North Bay has helped 34 residents return to their home through their Convalescent Care program, a program which they operate in partnership with the North East Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) and local hospitals.

Today, the home highlighted this program to Christina Bisanz, CEO of the Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA), during a tour of the home.

The Convalescent Care program provides care for up to six residents at a time, for a maximum of 90 days each. Local hospitals admit residents to long term care in order to continue their rehabilitation in a supportive environment. Once the rehabilitation program is complete and residents regain their strength, they return to their home or previous living arrangements in the community. The average length of stay for Convalescent Care Program residents so far this year has been 52 days.

“We work as part of the team with the hospital discharge planner and a CCAC case manager that is assigned to residents,” said Ruth Gauthier, home Administrator. “Our focus is on ensuring that resident gets the care and support they need to maximize their functional independence.”

Ms Bisanz said, “The Convalescent Care program is another example of how long term care homes are contributing to a more effective healthcare system for all Ontarians. Homes are community care partners. They contribute their expertise in meeting the complex care needs of the elderly to enhance quality of care and quality of life in the most appropriate care setting.”

Ms. Bisanz, who is touring a number of OLTCA member homes across Ontario, added: “The partnering spirit underlying this program reflects the commitment to quality care that is the benchmark in long term care homes across the province.”

OLTCA represents the not-for-profit, charitable, private and municipal operators of 428 long term care homes that provide care and services to some 50,000 residents throughout Ontario.

Leisureworld Caregiving Centre North Bay is a 148 bed home that has been helping meet the long term care needs of North Bay residents since 1981.

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