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Queens Garden Long Term Care Home Reduces Resident Restraints

Hamilton... Ensuring that long term care residents can pursue their daily activities with as much functional independence as possible is an important priority for long term care homes. Having reduced resident restraints by 68 per cent over the last four months, Queens Garden has achieved this objective. The restraint reduction effort is part of a three-pronged initiative designed to enhance resident quality of care and quality of life.

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

The initiative includes falls prevention and restorative care, in addition to restraint reduction, which all help ensure that the home's care and service program is aligned with the directions of the new Ministry legislation and regulations.

The new initiative was developed and implemented in partnership with Chartwell Seniors Housing REIT and features a team approach which includes input from the home's Nursing and Occupational Therapy experts and the active participation of a new Restorative Care aide.

"Staff, residents and family members are ecstatic about the progress we have made," said Jane Blake, Administrator of Queens Garden. "The results demonstrate that quality of life is being improved, at the same time as administrative and paperwork is being reduced, giving staff even more time with residents."

Ms. Bisanz applauded the home's efforts and noted, "The feedback from residents, families and staff speaks for itself. The ability to make a difference in both care and living is a big part of what makes long term care services unique and valued."

Ms. Bisanz, who is touring a number of OLTCA member homes across Ontario, said, "This is another example of the innovative quality programming that homes are developing and implementing to meet changing resident needs."

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.

Queens Garden is a 128 bed home that has been helping meet the long term care needs of Hamilton residents for 8 years

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