

THE LATEST BUZZ

NURSING HOME WEEK CELEBRATIONS!



Nursing Home Week is celebrated June 7-13. Our residents refer to York Care Centre as their home, and we all have the privilege of coming to work each day in their home.

It takes tremendous effort and many dedicated hands to provide a safe, clean environment that delivers quality care and meaningful dining experiences for our residents.

Every employee's hard work is noticed and appreciated – from maintaining clean resident rooms, floors and common areas, caring for our gardens and grounds, laundering linens and resident clothing, preparing varied meals and enjoyable dining experiences, and maintaining our equipment and infrastructure.

We also recognize the individualized care provided to each resident, the expansive activities coordinated and spiritual care, the individual and group mobility programs, our refurbishment team that keeps our facility looking new, the team that manages daily staffing requirements, our administration team and all involved in leading and supporting our many departments.

Thank you to all our staff for your dedication, compassion and commitment to our residents each and every day!

We will be celebrating Nursing Home Week with the following activities:

- June 8 – Cake in the Café (noon time)
- June 9 – Random staff draws for plant giveaways with a \$10 Tim's gift card
- June 10 – Staff Barbeque for day shift and evening shift. Pizza for night staff
- June 11 – Treat bags in the staff rooms/popsicles in the staff room freezers
- June 11 – Random staff draws for \$50 Visa gift cards
- June 12 – Staff Years of Service and Retirement Celebration

HAPPY NURSING HOME WEEK!

JUNE 2026

Monthly Winners

HR Draw

MILDRED ROSARIO

\$25 Scott's Nursery Gift Card

FOR JUNE DRAW

\$25 Peter's Market Gift Card

Staff Pay2Play Lottery Winners

ANN MARIE JONES

May 14

LAURA INGALLS

May 28



Father's Day Car Show

Thursday, June 11
Front Parking Lot





CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Ivy Tariman on obtaining her LPN license!

RESIDENT COUNCIL 50/50 WINNER!

Congratulations to Jason Robin, the lucky winner of the Resident Council 50/50 fundraiser, taking home \$250!



FIDDLEHEADS!

On May 21st our amazing cooks prepared 60 lbs of fresh fiddleheads for YCC and Hawkins House residents and Dave's café, served with salmon and mashed potatoes. A true New Brunswick spring meal! A big thank-you to Tanya Carter for providing the beautiful local fiddleheads.



INTRODUCING BILLY & GOAT!

We are excited to have welcomed two new cats to Birch Grove on May 25th, from the Oromocto SPCA. Billy and Goat are about a year old and believed to be brothers, with Billy being all grey and Goat sporting white paws.



N95 FIT TESTING

N95 Fit Testing will be provided on June 1, June 2, June 4 and June 5 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm / June 3 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in the Learning Centre. Appointments are 15 minutes in length. Please ensure you register on the sign-up sheets located at the staff entrance.

WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S

On Friday, May 22nd, staff, residents, friends, and family participated in the York Care Centre Walk for Alzheimer's, in support of Canadians living with dementia and the thousands more who care for them.

A massive thank you to everyone who attended: residents, staff, volunteers, family and friends, for making the walk a huge success with over 90 participants! Afterwards, everyone enjoyed some cold refreshments and cake in the Friendship Centre.



THURSDAY, JULY 2ND
FRIENDSHIP CENTRE | 6PM
\$10 FOR 10 GAMES
\$1,000 JACKPOT!

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

On May 7th we celebrated the amazing women of York Care Centre at our annual Mother's Day celebration. Thank you to Pat Thibodeau and Wally MacKinnon for the wonderful live music while everyone enjoyed sweet treats and time together.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMIE ROY, RECIPIENT OF THE JOSÉE GAGNÉ BEAULIEU MEMORIAL AWARD



York Care Centre is proud to congratulate Jamie Roy, BN, RN, CAED, Vice President of Care Services & Quality, on receiving the Josée Gagné Beaulieu Memorial Excellence in Nursing Award from the New Brunswick Association of Nursing Homes. This award recognizes an exceptional Registered Nurse in a New Brunswick nursing home who demonstrates personal and professional excellence, leadership among peers, deep knowledge of best practices, and a lifelong commitment to learning. Jamie is all of that, and more.

In 27 years of nursing, Jamie has never stopped growing. She has led clinical teams, mentored staff at every level, guided our organization through accreditation and government inspections, and earned credentials spanning clinical care, quality improvement, change management, and governance. She has given back to the profession as a nursing instructor, to the sector through her work with NBANH and SQLI, and to her community through years of youth sports coaching. We are incredibly proud of Jamie, and deeply grateful to have her leading care at York Care Centre.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN AGING



York Care Centre is proud to share that Ken McGeorge is the 2026 recipient of the Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Excellence in Aging: Individual Category. For decades, Ken has been a steady advocate for improving how New Brunswick supports its seniors. Through his professional work, volunteer efforts, and his Brunswick News column, he has helped influence policy and raise public awareness around aging in the province. His advocacy also played a key role in the province's decision to fund a Dementia Strategy in 2025–2026, an important step forward for families living with dementia across New Brunswick.

York Care Centre is proud to announce that the Association francophone des aînées et aînés du Nouveau-Brunswick (AFANB) is the 2026 recipient of the Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Excellence in Aging: Group Category. For decades, AFANB has served as the official voice of francophone seniors in New Brunswick. They have worked to reduce social isolation, promote Age-Friendly Municipalities, support research, and hold governments accountable to ensure francophone seniors are treated with dignity and respect. Their 2022 report on dignity in care homes sparked important provincial discussions. In spring 2025, their États généraux sur le vieillissement en français brought together 250 leaders to shape the future of aging in French.



RESIDENT OF THE MONTH



**Florence
Baldwin**

Florence Baldwin was born in Fredericton and raised in Devon on Highland Avenue in a busy household with four brothers and one sister. With her grandparents living next door, she grew up surrounded by family, and she holds especially fond memories of time spent with her Aunt Molly, who always made her feel uniquely cherished.

After graduating from Fredericton High School on George Street, Florence worked as an usher at the Gaiety Theatre before beginning a long and varied career in finance. Over the years, she held positions with CIBC, the Bank of Nova Scotia, military pay offices, the Bank of Germany, and City Hall payroll in Newfoundland.

Florence married Hal in 1961 after being introduced by her brother, who had briefly served in the military with him. Together, they raised three children while living across Canada and overseas in Germany, France, Spain, and Scotland during Hal's forty-year military career. Florence said her favourite posting was Scotland because of her father's Scottish roots.

Wherever they lived, Hal and Florence were involved in their church community. Together, they taught Sunday school, balancing each other perfectly with a light-hearted bad-cop/good-cop dynamic, with Florence as the good cop.

A woman of many talents, Florence enjoys reading, knitting, crocheting, and all things crafty. She was known for her hand-painted Christmas bulbs adorned with winter scenes, a cherished gift among family and friends.

Florence is known for her kindness, compassion, and unwavering willingness to help others. Her patience shone brightly during the five years she cared for her mother at York Manor, visiting every afternoon and meeting the challenges of Alzheimer's with remarkable grace. Hal shared how Florence would answer her mother's repeated questions as calmly the twentieth time as she did the first, a gentleness he now models in his own life.

Florence's advice for future generations:
"Listen to your parents, they are the best guide you'll ever have."

EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



We are excited to announce the York Care Centre Employee Scholarship Program! There are two scholarships available:

- Judy Yeaman's Scholarship - Offered to an employee enrolled in a Nursing Diploma or Degree Program (e.g., Personal Support Worker, Licensed Practical Nurse, or Registered Nurse).
- General Scholarship - Offered to a deserving employee enrolled in any faculty on their journey to obtaining a Degree or Diploma this Fall.

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria and submit a complete application package to be considered for a scholarship:

- Must have a strong academic record
- Must be a permanent employee at YCC who has completed the probationary period
- Must be enrolled in post-secondary education

The deadline to apply is June 15th. Award winners will be announced by July 15th.

Any questions, please contact Jennifer Geneau at jgeneau@yorkcarecentre.ca.

Don't miss this opportunity to further your education and advance your career! Good luck to all applicants!

STAFF RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Join us on Friday, June 12 @ 2:30 pm in the Friendship Centre as we congratulate our co-worker on their retirement! James Ward – Environmental Attendant (2016-2026)



STAFF YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

We are very pleased to announce our Annual Years of Service Award recipients! Each year, we take this opportunity to recognize our employees for their loyal service with York Care Centre.

Years of service are calculated based on the year ending December 31, 2025. Congratulations are extended to two employees celebrating 25 years of service!

This significant milestone will be celebrated on Friday, June 12 @ 2:30 pm in the Friendship Centre. Congratulations will be extended to Stephen Borden and Christa Brewer for their 25 years of dedicated service. Employees who have reached a milestone of 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service will receive the associated Years of Service compensation on the June 11 payroll.



25 Years of Service

Stephen Borden

Christa Brewer

15 Years of Service

Sonny Barton

Michel Boyer

Adelia Camay

Courtney Coffey

Catherine David

Susan Edmondson

Baby Lyn Esquijo

Marjolein Jellema

Shelley Kenny

Shauna Nowlan

Cindy Savoie

10 Years of Service

Jennifer Bannister

Christopher Cleveland

Michael Currie

Tabatha Hachey

Emily Lavigne

Shelby Samuel

Christa Scott

5 Years of Service

Valerie Bannister

Melanie Currie

Rhea Elumerag

Benedict Lagundino

Daniel Matheson

Carly McFarlane

Celedonio Quebral

Jared Rynax

Shelly Robichaud

Andrea Savage

Paige Hutchins-Nash

Bill Wheelan

President's Corner By Geri Geldart

A New Chapter: Pursuing Accreditation

This month, I want to share some news about a significant initiative we are embarking on together at York Care Centre, one that speaks directly to our commitment to being a Centre of Excellence. **We are moving forward with pursuing accreditation through Accreditation Canada.**

If you are not familiar with accreditation, think of it this way: you know our Social Development inspection process, where we are evaluated against provincial standards for long-term care? Accreditation is similar in spirit, but it goes further. It measures us against national standards which are developed specifically for organizations like ours. Accreditation challenges us to look honestly at ourselves, to identify where we are strong, to identify where we can do better and, most importantly... to improve.

What this will look like

The accreditation journey takes approximately two years from start to finish, and we are beginning that journey now. The first phase involves conducting a rigorous self-assessment. That means we will be systematically evaluating our own practices, policies, and care processes against those national standards. Where we find gaps, and we will find some because that is the point, we will develop plans to close them. This is not about finding fault. It is about finding opportunities to improve our care and services.

Later this fall, you will have the chance to participate in the **Global Workforce Survey**, a confidential survey that asks staff about the quality of care we provide and the quality of our workplace.

This is your opportunity to share your perspective honestly, and your responses will

be an important part of our accreditation work. I hope you will take it seriously when the time comes.

Why we are doing this

Accreditation is not something we are pursuing to check a box or hang a certificate on the wall. It is a natural extension of the work we are already doing as part of our 2025–2030 Strategic Plan. Being a Centre of Excellence means holding ourselves to a high standard — and being willing to have that standard tested. Accreditation gives us a recognized, structured way to do exactly that..

What I am asking of you

I want staff to be involved in this process. Accreditation is not something leadership does behind closed doors and then announces the results. It requires us to look at how care is actually delivered, day to day, by the people who are actually doing it. That means your knowledge, your experience, and your voice matter here.

I will be honest...this will be work. Alongside everything you already do, there will be new tasks, surveys, and conversations that are part of moving through this process. I do not want to minimize that. But I also believe that what we are building together is worth the effort. York Care Centre has a great deal to be proud of. Accreditation gives us the opportunity to demonstrate that, and to grow from it.

More information will follow as we get underway. In the meantime, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

With gratitude,
Geri Geldart
CEO, York Care Centre



VICTORIA DAY GIVEAWAY

Congratulations to Maggie Meating, winner of the GET Inspired Victoria Day giveaway, an Ingloo cooler filled with summer goodies and \$100 in gift cards.

Congratulations to all the \$25 gift card winners:
 Shalley Perocho | Jason Robin | Shelley Saunders | Sharon Londonio | Cailey MacKay | Tamara Shaw | Mercy Adimaultor | Jennifer Bannister | Stephen Borden | Marvin Maquinana | Pearl Parsons | Paige Hutchins-Nash | Astrid Hinojosa | Stephanie Seymour | Mary Rose Cruz | Honeyllie Duterte | Keira Fitzgerald | Lise Connors | Bill Wheelan | Kevin Anderson | David Bass | Billy Dean | Kevin Stickles | Suzanne Haines | Sarah Metzler | Emmett Legare | Sheena Mae Buella | Jilly Chavez | Roger Viernes | Shelly Kenny-Ingraham



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday
June 11th
6:00 pm

FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW

Join us at YCC for their spectacular annual car show! This is a great opportunity to connect socially and appreciate a variety of vehicles.

*Please RSVP by June 8th

Front Parking Lot of YCC | 100 Sunset Drive, Fredericton, NB

Monday
June 15th
6:30 pm

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - YCC

BFN's Summer Concert Series is kicking off at YCC. The series debut features the Town Cats, a band with a love for country, rock, pop, and blues. Join us for a fun evening of music and refreshments.

*Please RSVP by June 11th

Front Parking Lot of YCC | 100 Sunset Drive, Fredericton, NB

Thursday
June 18th
1:00 pm

LUNCH & LEARN - BEAT THE HEAT

Featuring guest speaker Louise Lockhart, a senior program advisor with the Department of Public Health. This session will cover everything you need to know to protect yourself from extreme heat events this summer.

*Please RSVP by June 11th

At the YCC Friendship Center | 100 Sunset Drive, Fredericton, NB

Wednesday
June 24th
1:30 pm

PICNIC AT ODELL PARK

Summer is officially in full swing, and we invite you to join us at Fredericton's beautiful Odell Park for a light picnic, beverages, and socializing.

*Limit of 15 people, please RSVP by June 17th to secure your spot.

Odell Park - Lower Entrance | 350 Rookwood Ave, Fredericton, NB

WELLNESS CORNER

Taken from HR Proactive Inc.

RESPECT AT WORK: HOW EMPLOYEES CAN CONTRIBUTE TO A RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE

- **Respect** the diversity and unique talents of co-workers; recognize that we don't all have to be the same to do a good job.
- **Follow through** on your commitments and be willing to help others.
- **When issues arise**, try to work with the other person to find a solution. If you aren't able to, seek the support of your manager.
- **Give others space** to express their opinions and ideas and wait for your turn to speak. Practice active listening, and be open to other people's ideas and perspectives. When reviewing other peoples' work, identify the positive and give constructive feedback.
- **Apologize** when you make a mistake or accidentally offend someone.
- **Be polite and courteous** when communicating with others, even if you disagree.
- **Recognize** and celebrate your co-workers' achievements. Take time to say 'thank you' and 'your welcome'.
- **Understand** that managers are entitled to manage employee performance, provided they exercise their authority legitimately and respectfully.
- Use **inclusive** language free from discriminatory or stereotyped views of people or groups.
- **Be an ally**, if you witness what appears to be harassing/bullying conduct, do not let it go unnoticed, attempt to resolve such issues informally, when safe and appropriate to do so.
- **Treat others** as you would like to be treated.

Respect for Self – Respect for Others – Responsibility for all Your Actions

Homewood Pathfinder - Your EFAP (Employee Family Assistance Program)

[Visit Homeweb.ca or call 1-800-663-1142. Access to confidential 24/7/365 service.](#)

How to register:

Step One: Visit www.homeweb.ca and click 'Sign Up'.

Step Two: Type your company name and click 'Find it!' Select the correct company from the list provided. Health Services Invitation Code: NBA552. Enter information into the required fields, choose an email and password, and click 'Next Step'.

Step Three: Let us know how you are covered by Homewood, (e.g. through your organization or the organization of a family member), and let us know your relationship to the organization (e.g. employee, spouse, dependent, etc.). Submit the additional information required and click 'Sign Up' at the bottom of the page.

[Some health counselling services include:](#)

- Grief and Loss
- Addictions
- Workplace Issues
- Depression
- Culture & Identity
- Anxiety
- Relationship (Couples & Family)
- Life Changes

YCC JUNE EVENT CALENDAR

<p>Monday</p> <p>June 1 1:30 pm Friendship Centre Intergenerational Day w/ Nasis Middle School</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>June 9 2 pm Friendship Centre C.A. & Sonny</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>June 10 Nursing Home Week Staff Appreciation BBQ</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>June 11 6:30 pm YCC Front Parking Lot Father's Day Car Show</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>June 12 2 pm Friendship Centre Staff Retirement & Years of Service Celebration</p>
<p>Monday</p> <p>June 15 6:30 pm YCC Front Parking Lot Summer Concert Series Town Cats</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>June 18 2 pm Parking Lot Fire Department Visit *Limited Space*</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>June 25 6:30 pm Friendship Centre Big Brothers Big Sisters Event</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>June 26 All Day Outside Water Wars</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>June 30 2 pm Friendship Centre Canada Day Party</p>

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

PRESENTED BY YORK CARE CENTRE
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
BUSINESS FREDERICTON NORTH
SPONSORED BY YORK CARE FOUNDATION

LIVE MUSIC | FREE ENTRY

6:30 - 8:00 PM

100 Sunset Drive, Fredericton, NB E3A 1A3

June 15, 2026
(rain date June 16th)

Town Cats
Country, Pop, Rock, Blues

July 20, 2026
(rain date July 21st)

Country Classics
Classic Country

August 17, 2026
(rain date Aug 18th)

Acoustic Rewind
Pop 70's, 80's & 90's