

THE LATEST BUZZ

YEARS OF SERVICE & RETIREMENT CELEBRATION



On June 12th, we had the pleasure of celebrating some truly remarkable individuals at the York Care Centre Retirement Celebration and Years of Service Awards!

We celebrated the retirement of James Ward and honoured 25 years of dedicated service from Stephen Borden and Christa Brewer, an incredible milestone and a testament to their commitment to our community.

Thank you to each of you for the hard work, compassion, and professionalism you bring to York Care Centre. Your contributions make a lasting difference.



JULY 2026

Monthly Winners

HR Draw

SANDY TAYLOR

\$25 Peter's Market Gift Card

FOR JULY DRAW

\$25 Walmart Gift Card

Staff Pay2Play Lottery
Winners

LISA CAMPBELL

June 11

WAYNE SOLOMON

June 25



**Summer
Concert Series
Country Classics**

**Monday, July 20
Front Parking Lot**



WELCOME TO CANADA!

We are pleased to welcome Maria Farrah Serana and family to Canada and the York Care Centre family!

With Maria's arrival, all of the candidates recruited during our two recruitment missions to the Philippines have now joined our team.



WELCOME TO THE YORK CARE CENTRE FAMILY!

Join us in welcoming the newest members of the York Care Centre (YCC) family! These talented individuals bring valuable experience and expertise, and we are thrilled to have them on board.



(left to right) Kim McMorran (Accounts Payable & Procurement Specialist), Jaime Watson (Executive Assistant), Chris Catiis (EA), Enrico Kuhn (Cook), Lovepreet Kaur (RA), Sweeney Awuor (RA), Shreshth Sharma (RA), Yakshit Aggarwal (RA).



(left to right) Jaime Watson (Executive Assistant), Riley Watson (Maintenance Summer Student), Jose DeMerchant (Jr. Volunteer Coordinator Summer Student), Brady Fudge (Rehab Summer Student), Olu Ademoyewa (Recreation Summer Student).

GOLF FORE CARE

We had the most incredible day for the 15th Annual Golf Fore Care Tournament! We couldn't have asked for better weather or a better community. Thank you to all our golfers, our generous sponsors, everyone who donated prizes, the wonderful team at West Hills for their hospitality, and our dedicated volunteers. A big congratulations to Team Flynn, who came out on top and was awarded the very first Hector Losier Cup.

We're already looking ahead to next year. Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 3, 2027, at West Hills Golf Course!



INTRODUCING THE GOLDEN GIRLS!

We are so pleased to welcome three guinea pigs, the Golden Girls, to their new home at York Care Centre! Rose, Dorothy, and Blanche are settling into Dixon, bringing joy and smiles to residents who are enjoying their gentle company.



FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

On Thursday, June 11th, we held our Father's Day event celebrating the men of York Care Centre with a mini car show in the front parking lot, music by Kevin Anderson & friends, and ice cream floats.

Thank you to everyone who joined us, and a special thanks to the Pizza Boys Wednesday Night Cruise for their continued support, sharing their vehicles for our residents to enjoy.



FREDERICTON FIRE DEPARTMENT VISIT

The Fredericton Fire Department stopped by York Care Centre on June 18th with one of their trucks! Our residents and Adult Day Program participants had such a wonderful time chatting with the firefighters and getting an up-close look at the truck



CANADA DAY PARTY

On Tuesday, June 30th, residents got a head start on Canada Day celebrations with a fantastic party in the Friendship Centre! Everyone enjoyed festive treats and entertainment by The HAT Band, making it a memorable day for all. Happy Canada Day! 🍁



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Thank you to everyone who joined us on June 16th for the first concert in our Summer Concert Series featuring The Town Cats! What a fantastic evening with great music and lots of dancing! We were thrilled to welcome more than 400 people, including over 100 York Care Centre residents.

Mark your calendars and join us again on Monday, July 20th at 6:30 pm, for our next concert in the series featuring Country Classics.

The Summer Concert Series is presented by York Care Centre, in partnership with Business Fredericton North, and sponsored by York Care Foundation.



YCC JULY EVENT CALENDAR

Thursday

July 2 | 6:30 pm
Friendship Centre
YCF Bingo

Friday

July 10 | 2 pm
Best Entrance
Ice Cream Social

Friday

July 17 | 2 pm
Friendship Centre
Mexican Folklore Dance

Monday

July 20 | 6:30 pm
YCC Front Parking Lot
Summer Concert Series
Country Classics

Thursday

July 23 | 2 pm
Friendship Centre
Taskmaster Event

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH



**John
Quesnel**

John Quesnel was born in Ohio before moving to Montreal with his family at the age of nine. His mother was from Ohio, and his father, a French Canadian, served as a police officer in Montreal. A dual Canadian and United States citizen, John spent his childhood growing up in Montreal, where he says you had to be tough.

After graduating from high school, John studied biology at McGill University before beginning a military career. He first enlisted in the Canadian military and later transferred to the United States military, where he felt the training and expectations were taken more seriously. During his service, John held the rank of lieutenant and served as a sniper. His military career took him to locations including the Persian Gulf during Desert Storm, South Korea, and Egypt.

John also has a passion for languages and can speak English, French, German, and Mandarin.

These days, John enjoys spending his time reading and learning about history, particularly the Knights Templar and the period after 69 AD. He also likes watching the History Channel, especially American Pickers, working on puzzles, and listening to classical music. At York Care Centre, John enjoys watching the lovebirds in Dixon, especially Blue.



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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHINING STARS!

Department heads, managers, and team leaders were asked to nominate staff who go above and beyond and are true stand-out stars in their roles. This quarter, Get Inspired awarded 15 Shining Stars to staff who go above and beyond, who are true stand-out stars in their roles, each receiving a \$50 gift card as a token of appreciation for their dedication and hard work.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday July 9th 10:00 am	WILLEE O'REE WALK & TALK Join Wellness Coordinator Heather at the indoor walking track at Willie O'Ree Place. This is an excellent opportunity to engage in light exercise and socialize. *Please RSVP by July 7th Willie O'Ree Place 605 Cliffe Street, Fredericton, NB
Thursday July 16th 1:00 pm	LUNCH & LEARN - WILLS AND POA'S Join the NHWW team at YCC to learn about preparation of wills and enduring powers of Attorney from guest speaker Jodi Lee-White, an experienced New Brunswick lawyer. *Please RSVP by July 9th & Notify us of any dietary restrictions YCC Friendship Centre 100 Sunset Drive, Fredericton, NB
Monday July 20th 6:30 pm	SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - YCC BFN's Summer Concert Series is back at York Care Centre for another show! This concert features the Country Classics Band and will be complemented with refreshments. Meet to the left of the main entrance of YCC. *Please RSVP by July 17th YCC Front Parking Lot 100 Sunset Drive, Fredericton, NB
Friday July 24th 9:30 am	COFFEE & CONVERSATION Wellness Coordinators Emmett and Heather invite you to come enjoy some socializing and beverages at Neighbourly Coffee! *Limit of 10 people, please RSVP by July 17th to secure your spot. Neighbourly Coffee 12 Neighbourly Way, Fredericton

President's Corner

By Geri Geldart

A Year Worth Celebrating: As we close out another year at York Care Centre and head into summer, I find myself wanting to reflect on just how much we have accomplished together. Our Annual Report for 2025–26 was released at our Board's Annual General Meeting this month, and it tells a story we can all be proud of.

Thank You, Marjorie: This year also marks a significant transition in our governance, as our Board Chair Marjorie Belzile concludes her tenure. I want to take a moment to properly honour what she has contributed. Many of you may know that Marjorie's connection to York Care Centre is not simply that of a board member — she once worked here as a Registered Nurse. She has cared for residents in these very hallways. That history shapes everything about how she leads. Her love for this sector, her respect for the work our staff do every day, and her genuine care for the people who call YCC home have been evident in every decision and every conversation. Her support has meant more than I can fully express. Marjorie, on behalf of the entire York Care Centre family — thank you. You have made a lasting contribution to our organization.

Welcome, Bryanna: As we say thank you to Marjorie, we are pleased to welcome Bryanna White-Aubé as our incoming Board Chair. Bryanna has served on our Board since 2023 and brings with her a deep understanding of this organization — not just as a governance matter, but as someone who has experienced YCC personally, having had family members here. She knows what this place means to the people who live here and to the families who trust us with their loved ones. That perspective is invaluable. Bryanna is a high school teacher and an accomplished musician — and speaking of her music, I have a little preview for you: she is the featured entertainer at our August summer concert. Make sure you get out to see her — it is going to be a wonderful evening. I look forward to working with Bryanna, and I genuinely appreciate the thoughtful insights she brings as we plan together for the future of York Care Centre.

What a Year It Was: We tackled a great deal this year. The Tower 2 refurbishment, which was made possible by the generosity of donors to the York Care Foundation, is well underway. Our Nursing Home Without Walls program had a landmark year, expanding its team, welcoming many new clients, and reaching seniors across our community. We launched our accreditation journey, a multi-year commitment to reflection and growth that speaks to the high standards we hold ourselves to. And the recognition we received this year was genuinely humbling. Jamie Roy was recognized with the NBANH Nursing Excellence Award. We were honoured with the Resident-Centred Home Award from the NB Association of Nursing Homes and the Business Excellence Award from the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce. These awards belong to every one of you!

I am especially pleased to share that once again; our residents have rated us highly on the SLQI Quality of Life Survey — ranking us 1st among all participating organizations on how caring and responsive you are. That result does not happen by accident. It happens because of your compassion, your attentiveness, and your daily commitment to treating every resident with dignity and respect.

June brought some of my favourite moments of the year. We celebrated our long-service employees — a tradition that never gets old. The years of dedication these individuals represent are extraordinary, and it is an honour to acknowledge them. Our annual Staff BBQ gave us all a chance to pause, share a meal, and simply enjoy each other's company. And our Board wrapped up a very busy and productive year at the Annual General Meeting, with the release of our Annual Report marking a fitting close to year one of our 2025–2030 strategic plan.

But when I look back at what matters most, the answer is clear: our core mission — caring for the residents of York Care Centre — remained our finest accomplishment. Everything else is in service of that.

Our Tenets in Action: As I reflect on the spirit of this past year, two of our 20 Tenets of Culture come to mind as particularly fitting. The first is Upbeat — being positive, energetic, and hopeful. Looking around at this team, I see that tenet lived out every single day. Despite the demands of this work, many of you bring energy and optimism to your workplace. That spirit is contagious, and it is one of the things that builds our culture. The second is Forgiving - choosing to forgive and let go of grudges. In a busy workplace where we are all navigating pressure and change, this tenet is a quiet act of strength. Letting go of what weighs us down frees us to move forward together. As we head into summer, it is a good reminder for all of us to let go of what is heavy and step into the season just a bit lighter.

Take a Breath. More to Come: We have a lot planned for the year ahead — exciting work, meaningful progress, and more to share. You'll hear all about it in our next newsletter. But for now, I want you to take a breath. Know that the work you do is exceptional. Know that it is seen and deeply appreciated. And know that you are part of something that makes a real difference in people's lives every single day.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer. I hope it brings that perfect balance — enough sun to warm your spirit, and enough rain to keep the gardens green. We need both.

With gratitude,
Geri Geldart
CEO, York Care Centre

WELLNESS CORNER

Author: Pandit Dasa

How To Show Proper Respect To Your Colleagues

1. Avoid Gossip
2. Offer Practical Help
3. Maintain Eye Contact
4. Respect Personal Space
5. Use Inclusive Language
6. Give Credit Where It's Due
7. Follow Up on Conversations
8. Be Supportive During Tough Times
9. Listen to understand and not to respond
10. Put away your phone while talking to them
11. Be Mindful of Your Tone and Body Language
12. Have empathy and get to know their challenges

Homewood Pathfinder - Your EFAP (Employee Family Assistance Program).

[Visit Homeweb.ca](http://www.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.

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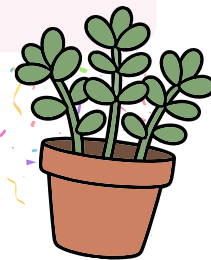
- Grief and Loss
- Addictions
- Workplace Issues
- Depression
- Culture & Identity
- Anxiety
- Relationship (Couples & Family)
- Life Changes

NURSING HOME WEEK CELEBRATIONS!!

TUESDAY, JUNE 9 RANDOM DRAW WINNERS!
\$10 TIM'S GIFT CARD & A POTTED PLANT!



Congratulations



- Esther Gallivan
- Crystal Stewart
- Stephen Borden
- Christa Scott
- Willy Rodrigo
- Allie Fraser
- Kim McMorran
- Emmett Legare
- Amy Howe
- Roselle Colobong
- Lisa Campbell
- Jaylynn Comfort

THURSDAY, JUNE 11 RANDOM DRAW WINNERS!
\$50 VISA GIFT CARD



Congratulations

- Paige Hutchins Nash
- Caitlin Avery
- Carrin Pasion
- Lise Connors
- Cassie Baird
- Tracey Dobbelsteyn

**IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY PICKED UP YOUR PRIZE, PLEASE STOP BY
FRONT RECEPTION BETWEEN 9AM - 4PM**

