



Home for Us Weekly Update - October 18, 2019

Home for Us started as an innovation and improvement project to understand the long term care experience for residents, family, and staff. Building on the insights gathered from months of observations, interviews, focus groups, and surveys, we are now in the next phase of “*Megamorphosis*.” This phase aims to rapidly test ideas from residents, family, and staff to build on the great care that staff currently provide. Building on qualities such as *compassion* and *empathy*, we strive to make sure that *emotional connections matter most, residents direct each moment* and that *home is not just a place, it is a feeling*.

Meaningful Moments

Inspired by the great work that is done every day at our homes, each week we highlight a meaningful interaction that brings us one step closer to the vision



On August 29th and 30th, we were fortunate to take some of the St Vincent's Langara residents to Steveston Marina and Walmart.

It was a perfect day to go for a stroll in Steveston. As soon as the residents got off the bus, family members and companions started taking pictures of their loved ones. It was such a beautiful sight to see and experience ... all smiles on their faces. One of the residents was celebrating her birthday that week and her companion was so happy that her client was able to go out for fresh air and enjoy the beautiful scenery. It was the best gift ever. Lunch at Pajo's was our last stop for the day where we enjoyed their freshly prepared fish and chips.

The following day, another group of residents went out for a shopping at Walmart. Residents were very excited and looking forward to go out. Some had even written a list of things to buy. One family member was so grateful that she was able to take her mom shopping and buy the stuff that she needed. That resident even bought a variety of cookies to bring to her neighbours. After they were done shopping, residents were so excited to show us what they had bought. It was such a pleasant thing to see.



~ Liza Lino, Rehabilitation Assistant SVL

Kudos & Compliments

Highlights from the week



Congratulations to St. Vincent's Brock Fahrni for winning the 2018 | 2019 AGE Recognition Award 'with distinction' for GPA Leadership Excellence in Person-Centred Care in the category of Long Term Care.

St. Vincent's Brock Fahrni has demonstrated exceptional commitment to using GPA at the point of care and ongoing efforts to support sustainability of the education through the incorporation and reinforcement of GPA-specific content in daily huddles, training more than 90% of care team members including clinical leaders, offering GPA refreshers to all care team members, and creating a GPA story board that shares information about how GPA is benefitting the lives of Residents and care team members.

AGE recognizes your achievement in responding to the importance and urgent need for dementia education in the long term care sector and the commitment to GPA.

Special thanks to Kimberley Smith, Ursula Piotrowski, Joseph Sun, Karima Kurji, Pauline Yee, Patsy Tchao, Karen Zawortny, Jennifer McDougall and all the Brock Fahrni staff for all your hard work!



Youville celebrated its 50th anniversary on October 16, 2019. We remember Marie Marguerite d'Youville – founder of the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, and the four Grey Sisters from Pembroke, Ontario who came to Vancouver to help open Youville's doors in 1969.

The Grey Sisters organized and managed Youville Residence, and to this day, the residence and its staff endeavour to uphold Marguerite's spirit

of charity within the community.

For the milestone event we were honoured to have Archbishop Miller for Mass, and a delicious feast with cake. The theme was 1960s which got many people in the spirit to wear their tie-dye clothes, peace signs, and groovy wigs. 60s music played in the background while trivia games were played. We enjoyed having friends and family join us in the laughter and good spirit. Cheers to another 50 years!



Inspiration

Stories to Learn From

'Eventually I knew she was no longer safe alone': how do we care for family with dementia: <https://bit.ly/2nX8A8d>

Important Dates

November 01, 2019 8:00-10:00am

Home for Us Working Group

Youville, 6th Floor

November 11, 2019 10:30am

Remembrance Day Service

BFH, BF3 Dining Room

November 16, 2019

CST Go Live for SPH, MSJ & HFH