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Building Community

Neighbourhoods Coming Together for the Better

Supporting neighbourhoods is at the centre of engagement and collaboration with Windsor Essex Compassion Care Community. Building relationships between neighbours, associations, seniors, school/youth groups, faith and multi-cultural networks makes it easier to ensure we work together to support one another. This month, we are highlighting neighbourhood efforts taking place in Ken Gerard Seniors' Apartment and Solidarity Towers Cooperative.

Solidarity Tower is a 299 unit co-operative apartment building. They have developed a unique Neighbours Helping Neighbours program. They have recruited volunteers, compiled information about the needs of their members, hosted a Wellness Fair, and have developed a process for residents to request and offer help. Neighbours Helping Neighbours is now in full swing. Phone calls and forms are coming in, people are booked for rides for medical and other appointments. Residents are showing their appreciation and willingness to be involved. As one resident responded: "What an honour to be a member of this thoughtful community."

Ken Gerard Seniors' Apartment is a 60 unit supportive housing building managed by the non-profit organization Labour Sponsored Community Development Group - LSCDG. Residents have worked with students and youth

to identify their talents, record offers of help, host events to build a more caring community, and are now benefiting from a new social lounge and computer centre. Ken Gerard seniors have also engaged the Downtown Music Initiative (DMI) to encourage residents to share their gifts of music with each other.

hOurWorld is Your World

hOurWorld (OW) is an online application where people can connect with one another by offering and accepting services based on the talents or skills of others. Someone offers help, another needs help and the two are connected through a coordinator within the community they live. It is matching informal talents within buildings, other communities, and groups to residents or members who need help. It is similar to Facebook, but can be created as a secure members-only network. **hOurWorld** will help build more robust neighbourhood exchanges meanwhile collecting data to show the value of each persons' support through the amount of time spent helping and building quality of life. Communities such as the Ken Gerard Social Committee are eager to learn about **hOurWorld**.

Leamington Technical Pilot Launch Coming Soon

We will be launching our new Community Dashboard tool in Leamington in December. Look for our new WECCC@Leamington site to see the new tool in action. With this new addition to our tool-kit, all elements of the Compassion, Care Community model are now available to residents and agencies in Leamington who wish to participate as early adopters.

Early adopters are engaged in the WECCC as the first group to test the tools and processes that the WECCC will use to support the community. This process is one that requires citizens to get involved to ensure that everyone is well represented. If you know of someone in our community who would like to volunteer to be part of the testing of our tools and processes please contact us at the email or telephone number above.



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We are working together to build a better community of support for those who need and want the help. Windsor Essex Compassion Care Community is the best of what community used to be, is and can become.

Student, Volunteer, & Intern Appreciation

Marcela Alvarez

Marcela is a student working in our community to complete baseline surveys with clients to determine their quality of life as it relates to how they feel. Marcela then explains WECCC to clients for them to



determine if they would like coaching. Providing education about the online resources like TYZE, PHRs and how WECCC can help clients is also a role that Marcela proudly undertakes. WECCC is happy to have your support during this phase of the project.

Dylan Weerasinghe



Dylan is a Social Work student who spends most of his time in the community visiting clients, assessing quality of care, working to enhance care through building care teams and managing related data. Dylan believes the WECCC is an ideal program that betters other agencies in the community by connecting services in all areas including: education, healthcare, youth and other community services. Dylan's says his time with WECCC has been "amazing" and he has personally enjoyed building relationships with members of WECCC,

Hospice and within the community.

Yanina Eva Vinokurst

Yanina is a nursing student who conducts surveys over the phone to collect baseline data. She also participates in coaching visits with clients to identify gaps in their care. Yanina then establishes goals with clients based on what they would like to achieve and works with the client to put steps in place to attain the desired results. Yanina says she believes WECCC creates opportunities for people in the community to get to know one another which will ultimately help unite everyone, particularly those living in isolation. WECCC thanks Yanina for her support and sends best wishes as she moves forward in her academic and professional career.



Revised Website

Our website has been revised to allow for better navigation and information. Please visit our website at <http://www.weccc.ca> and provide us with your feedback.

Video Contest

Our video contest is ongoing and we are still looking for submissions. Please contact the WECCC for more details or visit our website to for information about our organization and the contest at <http://www.weccc.ca>.

