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COUNTY OF ELGIN HOMES & SENIORS SERVICES

Newsletter

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MOTHERS DAY

Each of the Elgin Homes will celebrate Mothers Day 2020 with a special meal and individual recognition of the many resident mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers.

VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteer Week
April 19 - 25, 2020

The Elgin Homes would like to thank our many dedicated volunteers who are staying home. You are valued and missed.

MANY THANKS

The Elgin Homes continue to receive many gifts, donations and messages of encouragement. Each act of kindness is appreciated. We extend a most sincere thank you.

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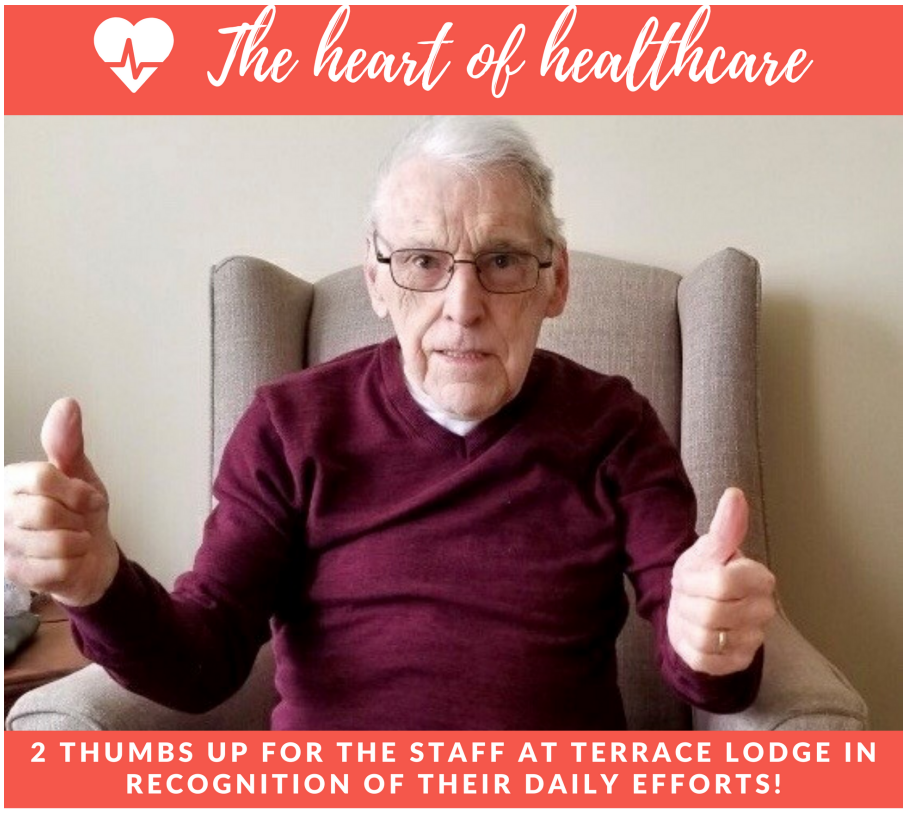
CONNECTING WITH YOUR LOVED ONES

The Elgin Homes recreation teams and nursing staff continue to assist residents, families, and friends to connect with their loved ones through a variety of means spanning tried and trusted avenues such as telephone calls, e-mail, and for the technologically savvy Zoom, Messenger, Skype, and Facetime. The Elgin Homes are currently utilizing iPads, iPhones, tablets, and laptops. p.02

CONNECTING WITH YOUR LOVED ONES

We are here to help

Please contact the Elgin Home specific recreation team to set up communication. Please visit www.elginhomes.ca for a tutorial on setting up Skype. If you would like assistance with setting up technology for communication, please contact Tanya Noble at tnoble@elgin.ca or at 519 631-1460 Ext. 192.



MANY GIFTS

and Encouragement

The Elgin Homes have received many wonderful expressions of support and encouragement on behalf of community members, businesses, staff and resident's loved ones:

- Meals for staff
- Quilt donation
- Take home masks
- Scrub caps
- Personal protective equipment
- Sanitizer
- Pictures and words of encouragement
- Cards
- Samsung Tablet
- Snacks for staff
- Coffee and doughnuts
- Gift baskets
- Flowers and plants
- Lip Balm
- Cake and desserts
- Face shields
- First responder parades

And many more.....

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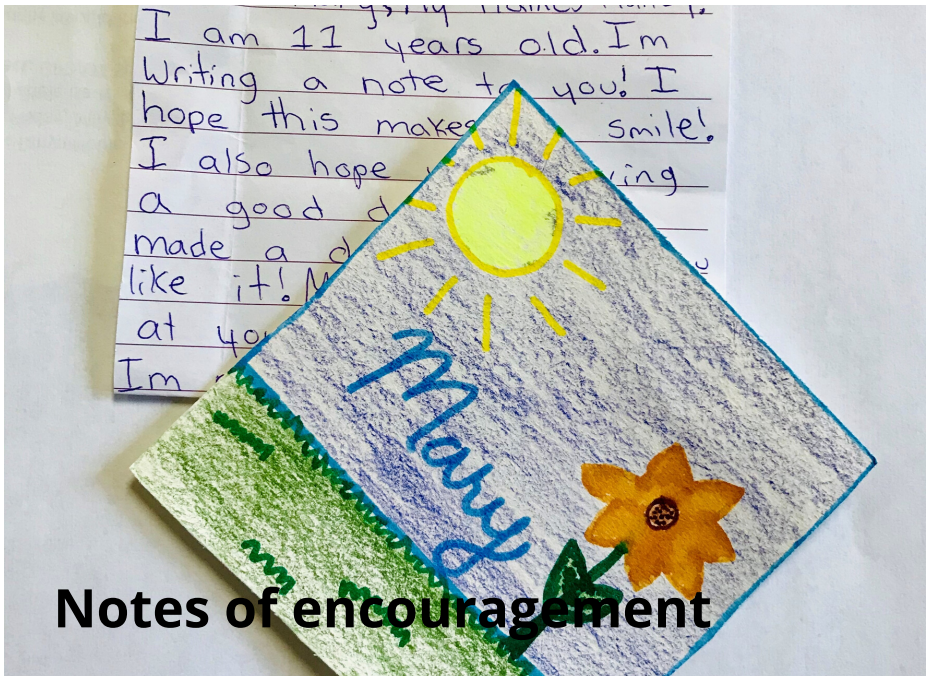
The staff and residents extend our deepest gratitude

The Elgin Homes will continue to recognize individuals through social media such as Facebook and Instagram. The Elgin Homes have hosted numerous "Spirit Days" where the support and participation of loved ones through photos and messages of encouragement have been gratefully received.



Notes of encouragement

OUTDOOR TIME

Spring is springing

The Elgin Homes are ensuring the residents are getting "outdoor time with social distancing in place" now that the warmer weather is upon us.

The recreation staff and residents are looking ahead and planning some indoor and outdoor gardening.

John and Ida Martin donation

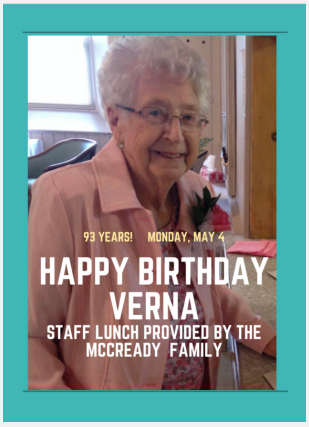
UPDATES

Testing

The Elgin Homes residents and staff will be tested for COVID-19 in May 2020 as part of surveillance according to Premier Doug Ford's mandate that every staff and resident in long-term care will be tested.

Screening

All staff, residents and essential visitors continue to be "screened" twice a day. Screening questions relate to possible exposure, symptoms, travel, etc. The Elgin Homes ensure immediate follow up if an individual does not pass the screening.

Beyond Virtual Visits

The Southwestern Public Health Unit and the Elgin Homes are working closely to assess when it will be possible to expand visiting beyond "virtual and telephone visits". The Elgin Homes Management team will inform you of any changes.