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DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CAMA WOODLANDS!

Change is in the air ! Its happening all over. As our Residents watched the Inauguration of the new American President, it certainly came home in bold letters that if we don't change we will get passed over. This has been true in Long Term Care for quite a while now but it continues.

NURSING CARE-

The Ministry of Health is demanding that all Homes will be using a different Resident Assessment Tool by September of this year. So our old classification system for nursing funding will be replaced by a new tool. This is a good thing except that we do not know how the funding will be determined with this new process. We will need to create a new position for the Coordinator of this process and the funds for this effort may fall below what is required. As I know more about this information, I will pass it on.

The old system we had last year has determined that we will be reducing our nursing budget by \$64,000.00 next year. How to make these cuts will be a huge challenge. I will keep you informed about these measures also.

We have purchased a new Wii for the residents enjoyment and as soon as the staff know how to operate it, it will become part of our regular programming.



We had a wonderful Christmas and New Year Party and I would like to thank all the families who attended. To get a better handle on the numbers next year we will be trying out a new plan but more on that later.

Many thanks to the Family Council for their support and fund raising efforts.

EXCITING NEWS :

We are now able to offer on-site eye exams and glasses.

Eye exams will be done by Dr. Lois Calder from [Vision Institute, Toronto](#)

We will schedule resident eye exams with her on an as needed basis. If a resident requires new glasses, Sunil (Optician) from [At home Optical](#) has agreed to come into Cama, see the resident and fit them with frames/lenses.

We will be coordinating the services that Dr. Calder and Sunil each provide to ensure the best possible care for the resident.

If you would like a resident to have an eye exam, please call June Holmes @ ext. 224 or Pat Cervoni @ ext. 222.

NEWS FLASH

- ♥ Our Quality Improvement Team met this week to review our processes for identifying laundry and returning it to the right person. Families and staff will be introduced to the new method by February.
- ♥ We will be reviewing our processes for hearing aid, dentures and glasses as well next week and hopefully reduce our losses of these items.
- ♥ We have had some breakdown issues with our tub and dishwasher. A new dishwasher will be available for next Friday (Jan 30th) so we can get rid of the paper plates then and some of the residents will be having more showers than baths until next Tuesday (Jan 27th).

Many thanks for those of you who have completed the questionnaire that was mailed to you. If you did not receive one, please call Farida and she will send it to you. I will collate all the answers and have the results in the April newsletter. The more people who respond the better our improvements will be.

Thanks very much for all your support for CAMA Woodlands.

**AS ALWAYS A WARM WELCOME TO OUR
NEW RESIDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES**

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