



## Important news and happenings at Providence Care

Mark your calendar for Providence Care's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Leadership Conference September 26

Providence Care's Training and Organizational Development Department are busy planning our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Leadership Week, September 22-26. The highlight of the week will be the Leadership Conference, September 26. This is shaping up to be an exciting event with keynote speaker Rev. Mpho Tutu (Archbishop Desmond Tutu's daughter). Watch for further details on Providence Care's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Leadership Conference.

Providence Manor site



Providence Manor's Family Council hosted a Regional Family Council Network meeting for long-term care homes within the South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) May 13. Attending were 41 representatives from 16 long-term care homes. Speakers included Suzanne McGurn, Senior Consultant Planning and Integration with the South East LHIN and Murray Hillier from our Mental Health Services Empowerment and Education Centre. Bev Baines, one of Providence Manor's Family Council members was elected as Regional Chair for the South East LHIN Family Councils for a one-year term.

Providence Manor's Site Administrator attended the Standing Committee of Public Accounts Hearing to update the committee on improvements Providence Manor has undertaken as the result of the December 2007 Auditor General's report on Medication Management Practices in Long-Term Care Homes. Providence Manor was one of three homes in the province randomly selected to participate in the audit. The objective was to assess whether medications for residents of long-term care homes were managed in an efficient, safe and appropriately controlled way, in accordance with applicable legislation and required policies and procedures. Providence Manor does continuous reviews, through our Pharmacy and Therapeutics and Professional Advisory Committees, to ensure safe medication management practices are in place.

Mental Health Services site



Mental Health Services staff presented at an international conference in April titled, "From Innovations to Practice: The promise and challenge of achieving recovery for all" sponsored by Boston University and the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation. The poster presentation, focusing on "Collective Kitchens and Mental Health" received much interest and may serve as a model for other agencies. Collective Kitchen is a tool to improve the health, wellness and food security of individuals experiencing serious mental illness. The poster described how one of our occupational therapists and dietitians facilitate a group that meets monthly to plan and prepare healthy, nutritious and low-cost meals.

The Coordinator of our Empowerment and Education Centre represented Mental Health Services at the 2008 Department of Veterans' Affairs provincial conference in Trenton in April. The focus of his presentation was on understanding mental illness and its application to clinical practice.

St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital site



Members of our St. Mary's Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation program are working collaboratively with their colleagues at Kingston General Hospital on strategies to decrease the number of alternative level of care patients awaiting placement from acute care.

Our St. Mary's Recreation Therapy staff are offering some new programs to our Complex Continuing Care patients. These include activities such as java-net chats, bridge club, community outings and lunches. Providence Care is committed to enhancing the quality of life of our patients, residents and clients.