






## Important news and happenings at Providence Care

<p>Providence Care staff surpass United Way goal!</p> <p>PACS go-live!</p> <p>Dental Hygiene services now offered to our patients</p>	<p>Providence Care staff have once again shown their great commitment to our community. Far surpassing this year's Staff United Way Campaign goal of \$50,000, our total funds raised stands at \$62,754!</p> <p>Providence Care has recently launched exciting technology at our hospital facilities, Mental Health Services and St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital. The new Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS) will allow the sharing of diagnostic images with other hospitals in our region. Over the next year we will look to join an even larger shared image repository to include 21 hospitals in central and southeastern Ontario.</p> <p>We are pleased to soon be able to provide dental hygiene services to our patients at Mental Health Services and St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital. A registered dental hygienist from Kingston Mobile Dental Hygiene will be providing the service right in our own facilities where our patients are most comfortable.</p>
<p>Providence Manor</p> 	<p>Providence Manor underwent their annual Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care review in November. The review team was complimentary about the teamwork and commitment to resident care demonstrated by our staff. A full report is expected in the New Year.</p> <p>Providence Manor's Wound and Skin Care program, the Contenance Care program and the Falls Prevention program continue to improve the lives of residents in our Home through the use of Best Practices that fit with the needs of long-term care residents.</p>
<p>Mental Health Services</p> 	<p>Our Mental Health Services site is working together with our OPSEU Local to address the important issue of bullying in the workplace. The "Bully-Free Workplace" initiative is being launched with the participation of staff in a steering committee and more specialized work groups. We are excited to be working together on our shared commitment to creating and promoting a respectful, healthy workplace.</p>
<p>St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital</p> 	<p>St. Mary's nurses and other team members within our Rehabilitation Unit are participating in a two-year research project: Practice Scholarship Program-TIPiN (Teams to Improve Practice in Nursing). The project encourages nurses to ask questions about their clinical practice and then gain experience looking at research literature in an attempt to find answers to these questions.</p>
<p><i>Holiday greetings!</i></p>	<p><i>We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season and best wishes for the New Year!</i></p>
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