



Important news and happenings at Providence Care

Providence Care Wins United Way Awards

Thanks to the support and generous participation of our staff, Providence Care raised over \$54,000 for the KFL&A United Way 2007 campaign. These efforts were recognized with three United Way Awards:

- Cornerstone Award, which recognizes corporate, employee and event donations exceeding \$25,000. Providence Care has earned this award every year since 2001.
- Labour Award, in honour of our Mental Health Services site OPSEU local 431's increased support and participation in our campaign.
- Team Spirit Award, recognizing our organizing committee for their "best practices within their employee campaign."

Providence Manor site



Providence Manor recently completed a 24-hour waste audit, the first step in developing an effective waste reduction and recycling program at the home. The audit was arranged through the Kingston Health Care Facilities Environmental Services Group, and was the first initiative undertaken at Providence Manor through the new collaborative Environmental Services group.

Gloria Hamel, Program Developer at Providence Manor will be one of the presenters sharing the results of the IC3 Project (Improving Continence Care Collaboration) at the next Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS) Convention in Toronto, May 14. The project is an initiative through the Seniors Health Research Transfer Network (SHRTN), and was a collaborative of Long-term Care Homes within Eastern Ontario. The title of the OANHSS presentation is Community of Practice-Improving Continence Care.

Mental Health Services site



Mental Health Services (MHS), in partnership with the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health, is busy organizing the Southeastern Ontario Summer Institute in Mental Health and Addictions conference to take place this June at the MHS site.

The MHS Geriatric Psychiatry Specialty Outreach Team made a presentation, "Behavioural Management of Dementia" to family physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners and administrative staff of the Maple Family Health Team in Kingston. This was part of the inter-professional coaching team and education program within the Mobile Inter-professional Coaching Team II (MICT II) project. Future teaching and inter-professional collaborative learning experiences are being planned.

St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital site



St. Mary's Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation program presented two posters at the Greater Toronto Area Rehabilitation Best Practices Day Conference in March:

1. Inpatient Rehabilitation Outcomes in Total Hip and Knee Replacement Patients Following Enhanced Care Strategy
2. Developing Clinical Expertise in Rehabilitation Nursing Using Geography and Staff Assignment.

Plans are underway for two exciting events at St. Mary's in June:

- The 3rd Annual Complex Continuing Care (CCC) Barbeque, June 5, brings together our CCC patients, staff, volunteers and family members for fun and fellowship.
- The 12th Annual Spinal Cord Barbeque, June 19, provides an opportunity for former patients and their families to share stories and inspire new patients.