

# Welcome Family & Friends to The Village of Tansley Woods FAMILY COUNCIL



## You are invited to join us . . .

- At our monthly meetings
- To be an advocate for residents
- To share your ideas
- Connect with other families
- Meet in a relaxed atmosphere at The Village of Tansley Woods

## Accomplishments & Events

### Guest Speakers

- Alzheimer Society
- Parkinson Society
- Heart & Stroke Foundation
- Palliative Team Leader
- Provincial Election Candidates
- Local Candidates

### Fund Raising Events

Purchased items to improve the quality of life for residents including wedge pillows, a beautiful garden bench, music books and a mandoline slicer to name just a few.

### Resources

- **Family Council of Ontario**  
[www.fco.ngo](http://www.fco.ngo)
- **Family Council Network 4 Advocacy**  
<https://www.network4longtermcareandadvocacy.com/>
- **Parkinson Association**  
[www.parkinson.ca/](http://www.parkinson.ca/)
- **MS Society of Canada**  
<https://mssociety.ca/>
- **Alzheimer Society of Canada**  
[www.alzheimer.ca/en/on](http://www.alzheimer.ca/en/on)
- **Advocacy Centre for the Elderly**  
[www.advocacycentreelderly.org/](http://www.advocacycentreelderly.org/)

## Goals of Family Council



We believe and follow the four goals of the Family Council of Ontario.

1. **Support** . . . you are not alone
2. **Education** . . . caring for caregivers
3. **Communication** . . . teamwork and positive support
4. **Advocacy** . . . shared issues and solutions



We support families, staff and administration to enhance the quality of life for the residents according to the Long-Term Care Home Act (2007).

## What is a Family Council?

**Family Council is an organized group of families and friends** of the residents of a Long-Term Care Home.

**The purpose is to improve the quality of life** for Long-Term Care residents and support their families and friends.

**Family Council can facilitate communication** between the resident's family, staff and administration of the Long-Term Care Home.

**Tansley Woods Family Council was formed in 2010** by a group of devoted family members. The Administrative Team at The Village of Tansley Woods supports the work of the Family Council.

**We encourage friends and family members of residents to drop in** to visit or join us during our informal dinner meetings.

**For information and times**, see our events and meeting dates posted on the bulletin board.

### Contact information

If you would like more information on how to connect with us or offer help, please email: [Tansley.FamilyCouncil@SchlegelVillages.com](mailto:Tansley.FamilyCouncil@SchlegelVillages.com)

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## How Family Council Helps

- Provide mutual support for members.
- Promote open communication between families and long term home staff.
- Share aspects of having a relative living in long term care.
- Share ideas to ease the stress of family and caregivers of residents.
- Provide information and education.
- Invite educational guest speakers.
- Advocate on behalf of all residents.
- Promote a safe environment to express concerns.
- Identify issues and problem solving.
- Share information on policies, residents' rights and safety concerns.
- Educate members on the procedure to address concerns with the home management team.

## The Village People

Tansley Woods Family Council

**The Family Council have raised money for items which will help to improve the quality of life for residents including some of the following items . . .**



**Park Benches**

Family Council lobbied to the City of Burlington to advocate for installation of benches for residents along Itabashi Way.

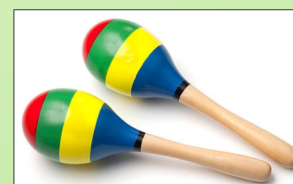
**Park Benches**



**Wedge Pillows**



**Mandoline Slicer**



**Maracas**



**Towel Warmers**



**Music Books**