# **#ELDERWISDOM** SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT

June 2017



Throughout the month of June for Seniors Month we highlight #ElderWisdom encouraging Social Media users to share messages celebrating the Seniors in their Communities. Our goal of the campaign is to decrease ageism in our communities by highlighting the talents and wisdom in which Seniors have to offer.

#### Ageism

Ageism is a form of discrimination, particularly experienced by seniors. Our Elders have a great deal of wisdom to contribute to their communities. However, societal norms marginalize seniors, treat them with disrespect, make them feel unwelcome and otherwise generalize as if they were all the same.

#### Examples:

-Comedians and talk show hosts joke about seniors and memory loss; -Doctors often talk past the senior patient to an adult child as if the senior wasn't even in the room;

-Younger adults mock seniors for being 'slow';

-Commercial ads depict seniors as out of date, and lacking knowledge about modern culture and technology

Ageism robs seniors of choice, independence, dignity and negatively impacts their quality of life. Lets all go to Social Media this June and celebrate the great things seniors have to offer by sharing #ElderWisdom

### Social Media Components

-Sample Posts/Facebook Cover Photos -Downloadable Images/Quotes

Questions? If you have further questions about this campaign please email ted.mahy@schlegelvillages.com or visit elderwisdom.ca





On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Seniors from across 16 Schlegel Villages will visit their local school to share #ElderWisdom with the youth in our communities. Each Senior will tell a story of wisdom followed by an opportunity to interact with the students.

# Locations (June 6<sup>th</sup>)

**Barrie** | Bear Creek Secondary School **Brampton** | Harold M. Brathwaite Secondary School Burlington | MM Robinson Secondary School **Etobicoke** | Scarlett Heights Entrepreneurial Academy Guelph | Centennial CVI Guelph | John F. Ross Secondary School Hamilton | St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic Secondary School Kitchener | Huron Heights Secondary School London | Saunders Secondary School Mississauga | Loyola Catholic Secondary School Mississauga | John Frazer Secondary School Toronto | Alexander Muir/Gladstone Ave School Waterloo | Cedarbrae Public School Whitby | Donald A. Wilson Secondary School Windsor | Walkerville Collegiate Windsor | Sandwich Secondary School

## Questions?

As these locations are within classes at the School, please email ted.mahy@schlegelvillages.com to learn how you can be involved. Visit elderwisdom.ca for more information.





"You're never too old to begin again, to learn something each day, and to create yourself happy endings." #ElderWisdom

"Live each day not like an ending, but a new beginning" #ElderWisdom

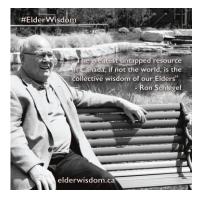
Listen to your Elder's advice, not because they are always right but because they have more experiences of being wrong. #ElderWisdom

"The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person." - #AndyRooney #ElderWisdom

"Wisdom is the reward of experience and should be shared" –Unknown #ElderWisdom

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# #ELDERWISDOM | SAMPLE POSTS



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