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The WWLHINformation eNewsletter is a bi-weekly update to keep you informed of the latest news, events, and successes in health care across the WWLHIN as we continue working together to build an integrated and sustainable health system for residents in Waterloo Wellington.

As part of the eNewsletter, we are looking for your contributions. Are you looking for a new way to share information or invite the community to health care related events? Send your news and events with links to more information and we'll include it in an upcoming edition.

Please forward WWLHINformation to others who may be interested in local health care news and events. For new readers, to subscribe or unsubscribe, please send an email to connie.macdonald@lhins.on.ca.

Watch for It: The Residents First Improvement Award



The Residents First Steering Committee is providing an award to homes participating in the Residents First initiative. This award recognizes the commitment homes have put into attending the learning sessions and putting that learning into new Quality Improvement (QI) practices.

You do not have to apply for this award. To qualify, homes must have participated in Residents First team QI sessions and met a number of milestones. (You can find out more about these milestones in the August 2011 issue of the *Quality Quarterly* newsletter on the Residents First website, www.residentsfirst.ca.)

Eligible homes will be identified through the data they submitted — either manually or on the Residents First website — and notified of their achievement. Homes that participated in the team QI sessions (Collaborative or Lean Process Improvement) before December 2010 and met the award criteria were the first group to be recognized, with an announcement posted on the Residents First website on September 30, 2011, followed by an article in *Quality Quarterly*.

Homes will receive a framed copy of the newsletter, and be provided with access to support materials (templates, boilerplate text and an award graphic) to help them promote their success to residents and families, local media and other stakeholders.

If you have questions about qualifying, or have not yet become a Residents First participant, contact info@residentsfirst.ca.

Aids Committee of Guelph-Wellington and Masai Centre Host Open House



The Aids Committee of Guelph and Wellington County (ACG) and the Masai Centre HIV Clinic moved into a new joint office in Guelph at 89 Dawson Rd. The agencies held an open house to show off their new space and raise awareness of the services they provide.

ACG aims to provide exemplary service in the area of HIV/AIDS in Guelph and Wellington County, through innovative health promotion strategies and community partnerships. They provide education programming, support services and volunteer services and outreach programs. For more information, [click here](#).

The Masai Centre helps people living with HIV/AIDS address the many complex health and social/emotional needs they face. Their services are coordinated with other health and social service agencies. For more information, [click here](#).

Photo: Tom Hammond, ACG Executive Director, Megan Deputter, Positive Prevention Coordinator, ACG, and Sharon Fair, Clinic Nurse, Masai Centre.

Connecting Communities at Fall Fair Finale

Delegates from four villages converge at Winston Park

Story by: Kristian Partington, Axiom News

When delegations from four villages converged on Winston Park Sept. 15 for the Schlegel Villages eastern fall fair finale, they were greeted by a fiddler who filled the air with the nostalgia of fairs gone by.

Tractors were parked with the bales of hay, reminiscent of a time when the land around Winston Park and the Williamsburg Town Centre in Kitchener was worked for harvest, and sunflowers were the centerpieces on checker-clothed tables where entries in prize categories sat.

"The décor of the village was just amazing," says Yvonne Singleton, director of recreation from the Village of Riverside Glen .

"All the little touches that made such a difference to the residents were really well done on Winston's part."

Each village hosted fairs in their own community and the winners from ten categories, ranging from jam-making and baking to a chili cook-off and artwork, showcased their work in the Winston Park finale.

Yvonne said the day was about nurturing the memories people hold close of harvest fairs of the past, while connecting the larger Schlegel Villages community.

[Click here](#) to read more.



Mir Ishaquiddin, with the recreation team at Tansley Woods and Riverside Glen resident Evelyn Sorbara were among the guests at the fall fair finale at the Village of Winston Park.

2011 Health System Report Cards Available Online

The 2011 Health System Report Cards are now available for viewing online. Several enhancements have been made to the report cards this year based on feedback from across Canada. These include:

- An online interactive map where you will be able to find both summary data and detailed information on your health region and province.
 - More indicators in more categories - to provide a broader representation of health services provided.
 - A new category of Population Health, with indicators in five categories.
 - A new set of provincial report cards with 58 indicators for both population health and health system performance.
 - The report cards and interactive map can be found at <http://www.uregina.ca/admin/faculty/Lockhart/hsrc/>.
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5 K Run to Support Evidence-Based Drug Prevention Programming

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During the weekend of September 24th, 25 community partners and friends ran in the Downtown 5 K Race to support the Wellington Guelph Drug Strategy and its efforts to expand evidence-based drug prevention programs in Guelph Wellington.

The event also provided an opportunity to showcase the new Wellington Guelph Drug Strategy logo on the team T-shirts. Congratulations to all of the team members for your efforts in making this event a success.

Albrecht Tables Legislation to Create a Federal Framework for Suicide Prevention

On September 29th, Harold Albrecht, Member of Parliament for Kitchener-Conestoga, tabled legislation in the House of Commons that, if passed, will compel the Government to develop a federal framework for suicide prevention.

"Each year, well over three thousand Canadians commit suicide. That is not a tragedy -- that is well over three thousand tragedies each year. Many of these tragedies are preventable," said Albrecht.

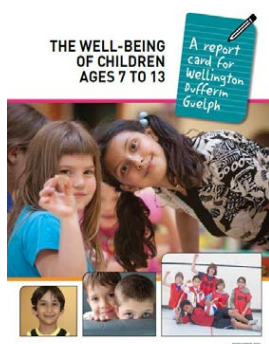
The Bill is titled *An Act respecting a Federal Framework for Suicide Prevention* and would require the Government to, among other things,

1. provide guidelines for suicide prevention,
2. promote collaboration and knowledge exchange among different jurisdictions,
3. promote the use of research and evidence-based practices in suicide prevention, and
4. define best practices for the prevention of suicide.

[Click here](#) for more information.

The Well-Being of Children Ages 7 to 13: A Report Card for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph

The report card helps to raise the profile of children in our communities by examining and reporting on the state of their health, development and overall well-being. Visit www.wdgreportcard.com to view the report card.



For more information, please contact Melissa Potwarka, Report Card Coordinator, at 1.800.265.7293 ext. 2661 or melissa.potwarka@wdgpublichealth.ca.

WWLHIN Social Media: Feature Tweets and Posts

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- @YMCAsOfCandKW: @WW_LHIN - Thanks! We are very excited!
- @MemoryMats @WW_LHIN - check us out. Let's work together #alzfamily #EndAlz
- @Patient_Safety: Thanks for leading the drive in your region! We look forward to all your sites registering for Canadian Patient Safety Week.
- @OLTCAnews: @www_lhin Thanks for helping to get the word out abt the OLTCA Applied Research Day! <http://ow.ly/6G9Pk> #LongTermCare

