

# Brucelea Haven News

*Residents First, Every Day, Every Way!*

January 2024

## Family Christmas Cafés this Holiday Season

Brucelea Haven has been hosting Family Christmas Cafés in the month of December, for Friends and Family to come and enjoy the holiday season with their loved ones. We offered holiday treats, a Hot Chocolate Bar, and wonderful entertainment from local artists Makala Keiswetter, Helen Stewart, and Cathy Kempert. Thank you to everyone who joined us over the holidays! We wish you a very happy and healthy 2024!



## Getting In The Spirit

The residents of Brucelea Haven have enjoyed getting in the spirit of the holiday season with a variety of performances and activities throughout the month. Thank you to the Mayfair Ukelele Band for kicking us off with a wonderful Holiday Performance! We've also been crafting, making gingerbread houses, and enjoying wonderful visitors.



## January Special Events

- **January 2**  
Joyfully Used Singers
- **January 3**  
Al Crawford Entertains
- **January 10**  
Deer Hunting
- **January 11**  
Rhythm & Beat Drumming
- **January 15**  
Leaving Tracks Entertains
- **January 19**  
Music with Ray Richards
- **January 24**  
Resident Council
- **January 25**  
Robbie Burns Day

## New Flooring In 2024

In early January, we will be updating the flooring in each of our dining rooms. We are excited about this project and the update to our dining spaces. More communication for residents and families to come in the New Year.

## Meet The Team: Barret Weber

Brucelea Haven would like to welcome Barret, the newest member of our Management Team. Barret joins us with years of experience in LTC. He is born and raised in Bruce County, and now raising his own family here. Barret enjoys hunting, fishing, and broomball. He's looking forward to getting to know the residents, families, and staff here at Brucelea Haven! Be sure to say hello when you see him!



## Grandfriends With Mildmay Elementary

Our grade 8 Grandfriends returned this December for an afternoon of fellowship and music with Kara Shaw. The students each brought wonderful and thoughtful Holiday gifts for their Grandfriend, and enjoyed singing some holiday favourites together. We are loving this partnership and can't wait for the exciting things we have planned for 2024!



## Family Council

The Family Council is a forum where members share experiences, learn, and exchange information for the purpose of enabling quality of life and care through dialogue and collaboration with each other, staff, families, and residents. The Council hosts regular meetings where members connect on issues of importance, receive information on home-level developments, engage in education, provide thoughtful leadership to Brucelea Haven on key issues, and make suggestions for improvement. This Council tries to better the Home through constructive feedback and support. The focus of this group is on "whole home" issues. If you have a specific concern regarding your loved one, please reach out to a BLH team member.

The Council is a collective voice to improve services and care through collaboration and partnership. Brucelea Haven is looking to reestablish their Family Council. If you have any questions about the Family Council, please contact the Recreation & Leisure Manager, Katrina Tolton at 519-881-1570 ex. 315 or [ktolton@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:ktolton@brucecounty.on.ca). For more information on Family Councils, please visit: [www.fco.ngo](http://www.fco.ngo).



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## Sacred Heart Highschool Band

Thank you to Mr. Schuett and the SHHS Band for performing for our Brucelea Haven Residents this Holiday Season! Their talent blew us away!



## IPAC Announcement

In November, Ontario announced publicly funded access to the first Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine Arexvy (Ah-REX-vee), available to residents 60 years and older living in long-term care homes. We are currently working towards a vaccination clinic date, and obtaining consents for eligible residents at Brucelea and Gateway Haven. We continue to offer the Influenza and COVID vaccinations to all staff and residents who are eligible and interested.

## Santa's Horseback Helpers

Thank you to Gail Pletsch, and her wonderful friends, who treated Brucelea Haven residents to a Horse visit on December 2. They walked in our backyard, as well as through the parking lot so the residents were able to get up close and personal for a pet (or two)!



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