



## Release of OARC's 2016-17 Annual Report

The Ontario Association of Residents' Council is pleased to announce its 2016-17 Annual Report is published and was mailed to all long-term care homes this month. Copies can be [downloaded here](#). Thank you for your support and another great year!

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## Residents' Councils In Action! Submit Your Story by September 5<sup>th</sup>

The next edition of **Seasons** will feature Residents' Council home engagement, challenges and successes. We want to hear from you so we can share your stories with other Residents' Councils across the province. Has your Residents' Council been involved in a special project, program or developed a successful quality improvement process? What are your successes?

We will feature as many stories as we can in the upcoming edition of Seasons in late fall. Those stories chosen for publication will be notified and will be entered in a draw for a \$50 gift certificate for Amazon.ca to support your Residents' Council.

### HOW?

To share your story please email Julie Garvey at [jgarvey@ontarc.com](mailto:jgarvey@ontarc.com) with the following information:

- Submission Title
- Authors
- 500-word (maximum) Summary of the project, program, issue addressed.
- 500-word (maximum) Outcome of experience – how did you know you were successful.
- What advice would you give our readers?
- Your contact information

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## Leading and Supporting Residents' Councils in Ontario Long-Term Care Homes – *Module 3: The Three Pillars of Residents' Councils* will be Released on September 19, 2017

Starting May 16th, 2017 OARC began offering virtual education modules providing primary Residents' Council education for Council leaders and supporters. The modules are easy to access through GoToTraining and are free of charge. We encourage you to view these with the Residents' Council leadership in your home. Click on the link below to access the current modules. <http://www.ontarc.com/education-events.html>

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## Upcoming Education from OARC

### Q&A with the Ontario Association of Residents' Councils – Live Webinar

OARC is pleased to offer a live Question and Answer period for Residents' Councils across Ontario. This hour will be dedicated to answering your questions. You may bring your questions to the webinar and type them into the chat box or ask them in advance of the session.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 13, 2017

**Time:** 2:30 PM - 3:30

**Register here:** <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/2290776785329307394>

### OARC and Health Quality Ontario – Live Webinar

Details for this webinar will be posted on OARC's website shortly.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017

**Time:** 2:30 PM - 3:30

**Register here:** <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/3274687960640327938>

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## OARC and Ontario's Dementia Strategy

Representatives from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Partnerships and Consultation Unit will visit OARC's Board of Directors at our upcoming September meeting to collaborate with OARC regarding Ontario Dementia Strategy. Adam Morrison, Manager, Justin Armstrong, Senior Policy Advisor and Bentley Smolders, Policy Advisor will spend the afternoon sharing Ontario's Strategy and learning about OARC's desire to support and equip Residents' Councils to work with residents with cognitive changes including dementia.

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## OARC's Through Our Eyes: Bringing the Residents' Bill of Rights Alive



“OARC's Through Our Eyes: Bringing the Residents' Bill of Rights Alive” program is designed to teach the long-term care community about the Residents' Bill of Rights. The education is developed and presented by teams of staff members and residents. A copy of the program can be ordered using the [order form](#) or by contacting OARC at [info@ontarc.com](mailto:info@ontarc.com) or 1-800-532-0201. The program's cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members (excludes shipping – which is \$5) for more information visit our “Through Our Eyes” [webpage](#) or [click here](#) to view the “Through Our Eyes” program video.

Visit our website for more information about upcoming education event [www.ontarc.com](http://www.ontarc.com)  
We encourage you to bring this information to the next Residents' Council meeting in your home. We love to hear from you...  
Call, write or email us with your questions, suggestions and stories.



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