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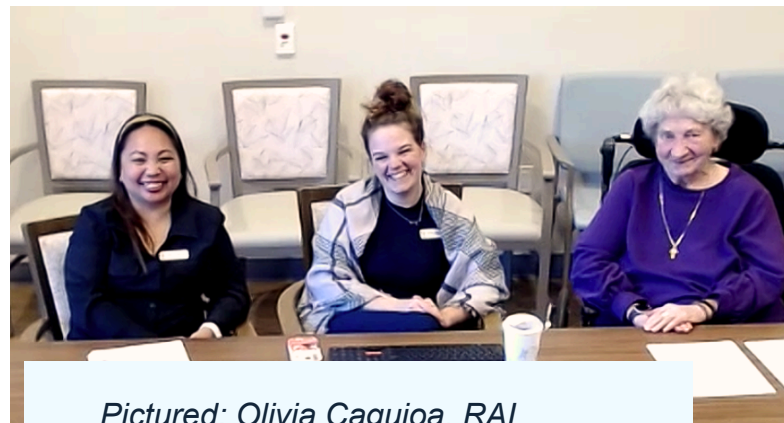
Congratulations to the 2026 Recipient of the Sharron Cooke Annual Legacy Award

The Ontario Association of Residents' Council is proud to announce the recipient of the 2026 Sharron Cooke Annual Legacy Award: **Humber Meadows Long-Term Care Home, for their resident-led palliative care initiative, "Code Butterfly."**

Created in 2023, the Sharron Cooke Annual Legacy Award (SCALA) recognizes a long-term care home engaged in a project or initiative where residents and team members work collaboratively to shape and enhance their home community. These projects build relationships, inspire hope, and have the potential to transform home culture.

This year, our team of resident reviewers were blown away by the number and quality of the submissions they received, each showcasing resident leadership and collaborative partnerships in long-term care homes.

After hours of discussion, it was determined that a project from



Pictured: Olivia Caguioa, RAI Coordinator, Ashley Guay, Director of Resident Programs, and Vera L., Resident Leader

Humber Meadows LTC best exemplified the spirit of the SCALA.

'Code Butterfly' is a palliative care and end-of-life program developed over two years, with ongoing input and direct involvement from residents.

As one resident shared, ***“while it may be uncomfortable at first, there is no voice more important in shaping palliative care than the residents. We want to be included.”***

By collaborating with residents, and placing their voices first, the program has developed to not only honour an individual who has passed in a meaningful way, but to provide an opportunity for shared grief and healing among residents, team members and families.

Heartfelt quotes from residents and team members throughout the submission underscored the transformative impact this project had on communication, connection, and relationships within the home. Every aspect of the initiative reflects the qualities and values that our award's namesake, Sharron Cooke, championed throughout her life as a Resident Leader and dedicated advocate.

Thank you to all the homes who took the time to apply for the SCALA. We look forward to showcasing more of the many innovative and inspiring projects submitted in future OARC communications and education sessions.



Top: Vera with resident condolence card, Ashley and the late Wanda P. with the palliative care cots, carts and blankets.

Meet our recipients

Watch our Residents' Council Week Webinar recording and meet some of the team behind Code Butterfly, and what it's meant to them to win this award.

WATCH ON YOUTUBE: <https://youtu.be/jdpR47I-7-M>