



Long-Term Care Home Update

Community Newsletter



April 2022

Lakeridge Gardens Opens its Doors

Last month, Lakeridge Health celebrated the grand opening of Lakeridge Gardens, Durham Region's newest long-term care home. The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge; John Henry, Durham Regional Chair; Sterling Lee, Town of Ajax and Regional Councillor, Ward 2; and Don Mitchell, Mayor of Whitby joined leaders from Lakeridge Health and Lakeridge Gardens to mark this important milestone.

First announced in July 2020 as part of the Ministry of Long-Term Care's Accelerated Build Pilot Program, construction of Lakeridge Gardens was completed in a swift 13 months, thanks to the dedicated collaboration between PCL Construction, Infrastructure Ontario, Lakeridge Health, and countless other partners, organizations, and sub-trades.

During the opening celebration, Lakeridge Gardens was presented with a donation of \$60,000 from UA Local 46, Plumbers Steamfitters and Welders, in partnership with PCL Construction. This donation will be used to create a home-like atmosphere for residents along with floral-themed murals to help bring the outside to those residents who find it difficult to leave the home.



The UA Local 46, Plumbers Steamfitters and Welders, and PCL Construction present a \$60,000 donation to Lakeridge Gardens.

Beverly Rogers, a Durham Region resident, was also acknowledged at the event for her generous \$10,000 donation in support of the home's hair salon.

In addition to a hair salon, Lakeridge Gardens features outdoor spaces on each floor, a specialized behavioural unit with access to a secure rooftop terrace, private and semi-private rooms, spas, and multiple bright and sunny gathering areas for families to connect with their loved ones. The home also houses a nine-station hemodialysis unit, which will mean an increased quality of life for residents who will be able to access treatment in the comfort of their home. It will also be available to those in the community who require dialysis services.

While March 29, 2022, marked the official move-in day for Lakeridge Gardens residents, activity continues. The hemodialysis unit will open to the community later this spring and construction on the new parking garage will continue throughout the summer. Most importantly, however, is the activity taking place inside the home. The Lakeridge Gardens team is busy supporting families with move-ins and making the home a comfortable, welcoming, and safe space for Durham Region seniors to *officially* call home.



Leaders from Lakeridge Health, the Government of Ontario, the Region of Durham, and the Town of Ajax mark the official opening of the home with a ribbon cutting.

Virtually Tour Lakeridge Gardens

Curious to see what the inside of Lakeridge Gardens looks like? Lakeridge Health created a virtual tour to give families, future residents, and community members an in-depth look inside the home. In this virtual tour, you will have the opportunity to see a resident room, gathering spaces, and the many features that make Lakeridge Gardens a modern and state-of-the-art long-term care home. **Click the image below to experience the virtual tour!**



A Thank You to Our Readers and Our Community

With Lakeridge Gardens officially open and with more than 100 residents now moved into the home, this will be the last edition of the *Long-Term Care Home Community Newsletter*. Thank you to every community member who joined us along the way as we documented Lakeridge Gardens' journey from ground-breaking to opening day. We would also like to extend a special thanks to our Ajax Pickering Hospital neighbours who remained so supportive throughout the construction activity and disruptions required to build Lakeridge Gardens over the past number of months. Every question asked, newsletter read, virtual event attended, and survey answered helped to shape Lakeridge Gardens into the home it is today.

To stay up to date on Lakeridge Gardens news, please visit its new web page LakeridgeHealth.on.ca/LakeridgeGardens. If you have specific questions or any concerns, you can also stay in touch by calling the home at **905-428-5201 ext. 17110** or emailing LakeridgeGardens-info@lh.ca at any time.