

April 2026

HAPPENINGS

RESIDENTS, STAFF, FAMILY & FRIENDS



Celebrating April

- ◆ Easter
- ◆ IPAC Update
- ◆ Family Forum
- ◆ Volunteer Fair
- ◆ Safety Talk
- ◆ Upcoming Events
- ◆ Recreation Week
- ◆ Day & Stay Update
- ◆ JNH History
- ◆ Multi-Cultural Event
- ◆ Volunteer Spotlight
- ◆ Spiritual Care
- ◆ Volunteer Appreciation
- ◆ Employee Spotlight
- ◆ Self-Care Wheel



Keeping Our Home Safe & Healthy – IPAC Update

At our home, keeping residents, families, and staff safe is always our top priority. Our Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) team continues to work hard behind the scenes to strengthen our practices and prepare for upcoming accreditation requirements.

Preparing for Accreditation (ROPS)

We are currently preparing for IPAC accreditation requirements (ROPS – Required Organizational Practices). This means we are reviewing and strengthening our processes to ensure we are meeting the highest standards in:

- Infection prevention and control practices
- Resident safety
- Staff education and accountability
- Hand hygiene Compliance


These efforts help ensure we continue to provide safe, high-quality care for everyone in our home.

Hand Hygiene Matters

Hand hygiene is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of infection.

We are reminding everyone:

- Clean your hands often using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water
- Always clean your hands when entering and leaving the home
- Staff continue to participate in ongoing education and audits to improve compliance

A simple clean of your hands can make a big difference in protecting our residents 

Spring Vaccination Clinic

We are planning our Spring COVID-19 booster clinic, coming in early May.

In addition, we are continuing to ensure residents are up to date with recommended vaccinations, including:

- Pneumococcal (Pneumovax)
- Tetanus and diphtheria (Td)
- RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus), where eligible

Vaccination remains an important way to reduce serious illness and keep our community healthy.

Thank You

Thank you to our staff, residents, families, and visitors for your continued support in following IPAC practices.

Family Forum



*SUCCEED AS ONE
JOIN US*

**Share your ideas to
Help Enrich the Lives of our Loved One's**

For more information contact:

Karli Cass at 519-756-2920 ext 4241

WHO ARE WE

- The John Noble Home Family Forum consists of family members of residents.
- We function as a support group and a bridge between families and John Noble Home.
- The Forum provides peer support, shares ideas, and collaborates for residents' well-being.
- We offer suggestions to staff to improve services and activities for residents and their families.
- We meet once a month* for approx. 1.5 hours in a relaxing and friendly atmosphere.
**see meeting notice on each floor for time and location.*

BRANTFORD'S SPRING VOLUNTEER FAIR



Discover Your Passion. Make a Difference!

The City of Brantford, in partnership with Brant Regional Association of Volunteer Administrators (BRAVA), is hosting a Spring Volunteer Fair this May! Discover exciting ways to get involved, build new skills, and make a difference in your community. There is something for everyone.

Come explore local volunteer opportunities!

Saturday May 9, 2026
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
T.B. Costain/SC Johnson Community Centre,
16 Morrell Street

For more information, please email
mrutten@brantford.ca or call Maegen
at 519-759-4150 ext.5070.



CITY OF
BRANTFORD

Overhead Hazards

Safety Talk

READ & INITIAL BELOW:



The tops of resident wardrobes are to be kept free of any heavy or breakable items.

These items can and have caused harm to staff if they fall.

Heavy items should always be stored in a lower place to prevent possible injury when reaching overhead to move them.

If we notice family/visitors are placing items that are potential hazards on the wardrobes we need to ask them to find another place to store them.

Hazardous items could include: Wine glass, heavy or glass picture frames, figurines, wheelchair footrests etc.

Upcoming Events Programs

Resident's Easter Egg Hunt -April 2nd 9:30-11:30

April Birthday Party- April 10th 2:00pm

Karaoke Party- April 17th 2:00pm Would love to have staff family and residents come and sing!!

Fish & Chips Dinner- April 22nd 4:45pm

Volunteer Dinner April -29th 4:30 All Volunteer's welcome



Last month we celebrated Recreation Professionals week. Recreation is more than fun, its friendship, dignity and meaningful living, made possible by our incredible staff.



John Noble Home Day and Stay Program

April is an exciting month at the Day & Stay program; everyone is getting excited about the construction of our new space that is taking shape more and more each day. The countdown has begun for moving day and all of the staff and clients are excited to see the new space.



The month of April starts off with a few laughs for April Fool's Day where the staff and clients like to have a little fun with one another in honor of the day. Easter also starts off the month, the groups will decorate eggs and have an old-fashioned Easter egg hunt. For our exercise program the group will learn the "Bunny Hop" dance and celebrate with our own Easter parade. A reminder for all caregivers and clients that both the day program and the afternoon programs will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

For Earth Day and Arbor Day the clients will be discussing and learning about our environment and the trees and plants that inhabit our own backyards. The day program engages in some competitions about what can and can't be recycled and will get their hands dirty with the pre-season planting.



History of John Noble Home

Nursing school was provided at the BGH but the residence for nursing students was located at Winston Hall in Eagle Place (124 Ontario Street), not conveniently located to the Hospital. Winston Hall was built as a residence for war workers. It was designed as a temporary structure to be taken down after the war but was pressed into continued service because of the housing crisis in the city. A new nurse's residence was desperately needed. Remember the fear City Counsellor's had regarding building cheap temporary war time homes mentioned in my earlier columns? Their concern was that the homes would not be dismantled but continued to be used and become unsightly. This example demonstrates that their concern had merit. A new nurse's residence would not open until 1964. It was built on BGH property south of the hospital.

To alleviate some of the overcrowding at the Brantford General, Alderman John Noble proposed a hospital for the chronically ill, on the grounds of the Brant County Home for the Aged and Infirm. Noble made it clear the facility was not a hospital but rather a care facility. In November 1954 a new 80-bed facility opened. It was named the John Noble Home.



NEWLY OPENED JOHN NOBLE HOME IN 1955. IMAGE COURTESY OF THE BRANT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Noble Home's 1st Annual



CULTURAL FOOD AND FASHION EVENT

Are you interested in sharing your nationality and creating a team to represent your culture?

We're looking for staff to assist us in our first ever food, fashion and culture event here at our home.

THE CULTURAL FOOD AND FASHION EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY MAY 22ND

We are looking for those interested in volunteering for the event to contact Karli by Tuesday March 31st .

If you are interested in more details please contact Karli at Ext 4241 kcass@jnh.ca or Jess Tanchak at Ext 4227 jtanchak@jnh.ca
We would love to hear from you!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

CHRIS H



We are so thrilled to congratulate this month's volunteer spotlight award winner for February.

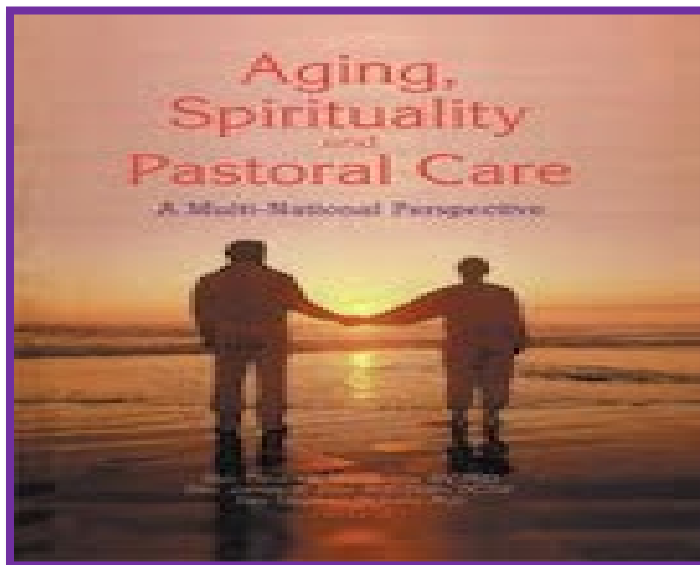
Chris helps us in the Skylight Café weekly and always willing to take on extra shifts when needed to lend a helping hand. The residents and staff look forward to having their programs in café and appreciate her helping hands with home wide programs.

We are so grateful you chose JNH to volunteer your time. We appreciate you and all that you do!

Spiritual Care

The Spiritual care department is excited to welcome new spiritual volunteers to support our Home. Some duties would be assisting or leading our Sunday non denominational worship services and provide one on one visits with residents who would appreciate spiritual companionship. If you are a family member, or a friend that has a spiritual background and feel called to share prayer, reflection, music or meaningful conversation, we would love to connect with you. Your presence can bring comfort, hope and connection to those we serve.

Please contact Taylor Bosse at ext 4297 for more information



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Your kindness, compassion, and commitment make a huge difference in the lives of our residents. By following these infection prevention practices, you are helping keep our home safe, healthy, and caring for everyone. We appreciate everything you do!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION UPDATES

JOHN NOBLE HOME'S ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

DATE: WEDNESDAY APRIL 29, 2026

DINNER AT 5:00PM

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS TO FOLLOW

PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP



**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK
IS COMING UP IN APRIL AND WE
CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE YOU!!!**

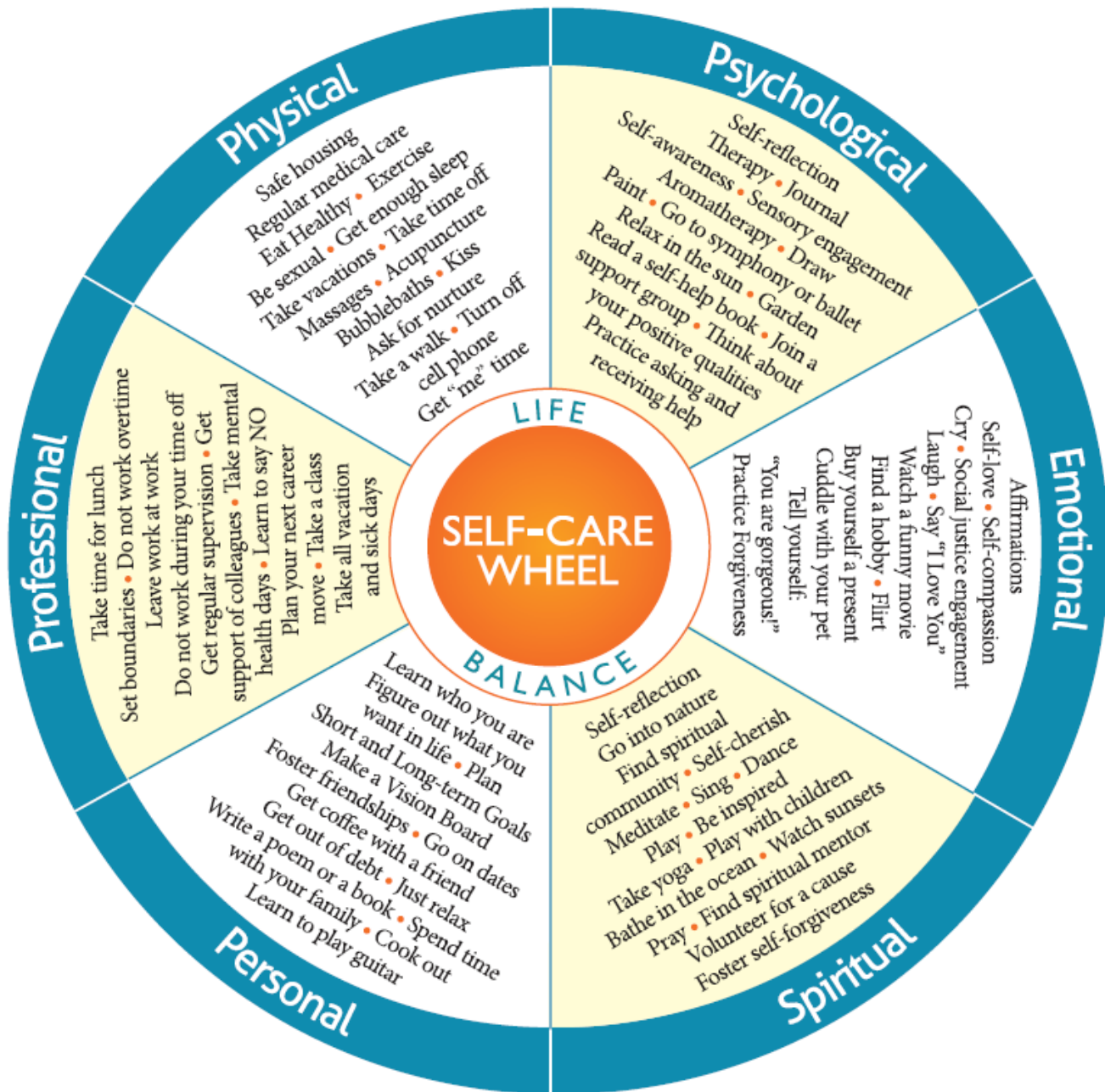
Employee Spotlight



Greg was nominated by his peers for the Employee Spotlight Award for the month of April. Greg is a PSW here at the Home. Greg's coworkers say he always goes above and beyond for the residents and his colleagues. Greg has a very positive attitude and is always willing to lend a hand to those who need it.

Congratulations, Greg!

SELF-CARE WHEEL

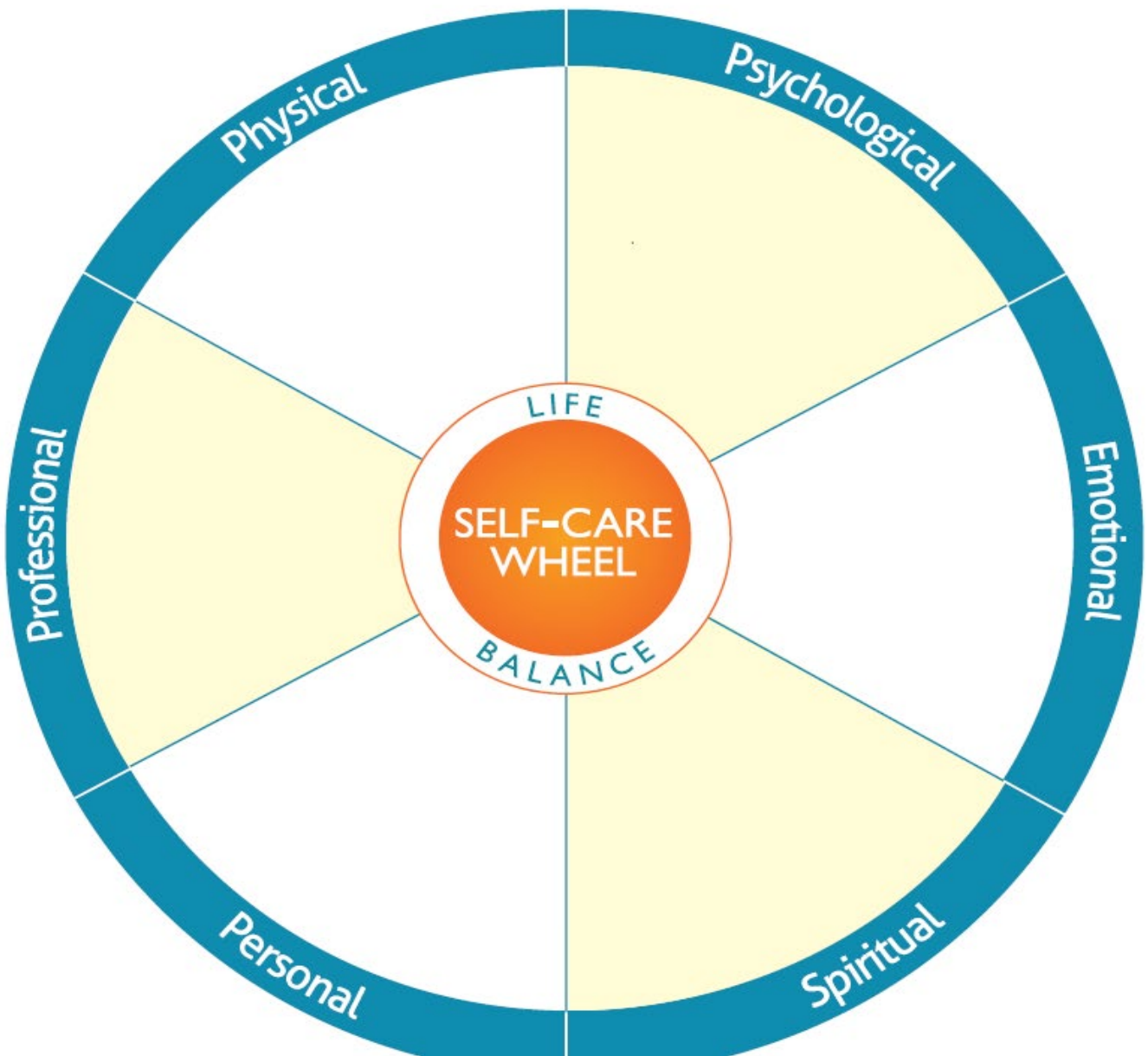


This Self-Care Wheel was inspired by and adapted from “Self-Care Assessment Worksheet” from *Transforming the Pain: A Workbook on Vicarious Traumatization* by Saakvitne, Pearlman & Staff of TSI/CAAP (Norton, 1996). Created by Olga Phoenix Project: Healing for Social Change (2013).

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SELF-CARE WHEEL



Your self-care and life balance is vital for your health, productivity and happiness. Use this wheel to support you in creating a self-care plan that resonates with you.

Whether your focus right now is on basic needs, deep desires or both, remember that investing in your wellness is fundamental to becoming fulfilled and whole.