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### Dear Residents and Families,

We remain committed to providing updates to our residents, families, and staff at AgeCare. We provide weekly updates to keep you all informed on what is happening in our communities and organization-wide.

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## Equine Visit Sparks Joy at Cariboo Place

AgeCare Cariboo Place welcomed a special equine guest last week that brought great joy to residents, especially one particular resident, Gerry Bracewell, who recently turned 100 and has written books on hunting and guiding.

Rusty is a beautiful gentle quarter horse who knows all too well how to lend his charming equine vibes to his admirers. Rusty's owner is Rayel Petersen, who belongs to a family of pioneers of the Chilcotin, and who trains quarter horses and offers riding lessons in nearby Pablo Creek. Rayel brought her three children, James, Ella, and Rayna as well as their family dog Ray-Ban.

"This was an unbelievable experience to witness. It evoked many happy memories and brought many smiles and even tears of joy!" said Tracy Spence-Whitford, Recreation Coordinator for AgeCare Cariboo Place. "The smell of the horse and his smooth freshly combed coat was a wonderful experience for our residents – helping them to recollect fond memories of their own horse ownership and other past experiences."







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## Let's all get Boosted!

With the <u>rising transmission rate in Alberta</u> and an increase in outbreaks at continuing care homes, we wish to <u>strongly</u> encourage individuals over the age of 18 to get their fourth dose (2<sup>nd</sup> booster).

Vaccine effectiveness against infection may decline over time, but they remain the best way to prevent severe illness and death. Additional doses can boost immunity to improve protection and limit spread. Residents and staff have all been offered both booster doses.

Help us keep our communities as safe as we can! If you have not yet received your COVID vaccine or booster doses, please visit bookvaccine.alberta.ca or call 811.



#### **Recreation Calendars**

Our recreation team works hard to create engaging activities that enrich the mind, body and spirit. We are continuously looking for ways to reduce the risk of transmission while having the least impact on our residents' well-being.

Please note that communities with an exposure or on outbreak may have different recreation restrictions in effect. Contact your community or <u>sign up for email updates</u> to stay informed on the latest information.

**For our AgeCare communities from Revera**, your Family Portal is still available to you to access your loved one's activitypro page. You can log in with your usual username and password at online.activitypro.net/users/login/agecare.

#### **View the Recreation Calendars for your AgeCare Community:**

AgeCare Columbia	AgeCare Seton
AgeCare Glenmore	AgeCare Skypointe
AgeCare Midnapore	AgeCare Sunrise Gardens
AgeCare Orchard Manor	AgeCare Valleyview
AgeCare Sagewood	AgeCare Walden Heights

# We're Hiring

Did you know AgeCare is hiring? Great opportunities for caring people. From health care aides to food services to recreation to administration and more, we are looking for dedicated and caring individuals.

If you or someone you know is looking for an exciting new opportunity, check out our careers page at <a href="https://www.agecare.ca/careers">www.agecare.ca/careers</a>

