

January 2010

# Quality Palliative Care in Long Term Care Alliance

## Launch Parties were a Success!

On January 12th and 13th 2010 a celebration to formally launch the alliance took place at both long term care homes in Thunder Bay, Hogarth Riverview Manor and Bethammi Nursing Home. This was an excellent opportunity for the long term care residents, families, and staff to join with the community partners and researchers to celebrate the beginning of a five year journey to enhance how palliative care is currently delivered in long-term care homes. The parties were a great success as 160 people were able to come together and share their excitement of the project. We were delighted to have some of our community partners attend including: Hospice Northwest, Indian Youth Friendship Society, Lakehead University Gerontology Program and School of Social Work, the (not right) Multifaith Council, Palliative Care Programs Pain Management Program from St. Joseph's Hospital? the TBRHSC Nurse-Led Long Term Care Outreach Program, TBRG??? Host Organization, Best Practice Coordinator Long-Term Care Northwestern Ontario, Palliative Pain and Symptom Management, Thunder Bay Multicultural Association, and Dental Hygienists of Ontario. Thank you to the QPC-LTC members apart of the Launch Committee who made these two days such a great success!

## Welcoming Two New Faces

Beginning this January, we welcomed two placement students from the Lakehead University School of Social Work, Ali Healey and Bunny Vidotto. Ali is in the one year program with an undergraduate degree in International Development. Bunny is in her third year HBSW with a Concentration in Gerontology. They are both excited and pleased to be involved in the QPC-LTC Alliance. They will also be helping with data collection at both Bethammi and Hogarth Riverview Manor.

## Together We Make a Difference in Palliative Care!



### Upcoming Newsletter:

Introducing Hogarth Riverview Manor (HRM), Thunder Bay

The QPC-LTC Alliance Welcomes Lina Moore, PSW from HRM

### Questions?

Please forward questions or comments to:

Dr. Mary Lou Kelley, Principal Investigator  
[mkelley@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:mkelley@lakeheadu.ca)

Dr. Sharon Kaasalainen, Co-Investigator  
[kaasal@univmail.cis.mcmaster.ca](mailto:kaasal@univmail.cis.mcmaster.ca)