



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **CARESSANT CARE NURSING HOMES GIVEN THREE YEAR ACCREDITATION**

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Woodstock – For the second consecutive time, Caressant Care Nursing and Retirement Homes Limited has been awarded a three year accreditation from CARF International for “Person-Centred Long-Term Care Community”. This accreditation represents the highest level that can be awarded to an organization and shows Caressant Care’s substantial commitment to improving the quality of life for our residents.

CARF is an independent, non-profit accrediting body whose mission is to provide the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served.

Some of the highlights of the extensive Caressant Care accreditation report include:

- Our corporate structure allows each Home to develop its own characteristics based on location and surrounding communities.
- Strong evidence of a wide variety of community engagement initiatives.
- Caressant Care benefits from the ongoing commitment of a large number of long serving staff members.
- It is evident that quality assurance and improvement are a constant focus and are recognized as a necessary component to daily operations.
- Employees at all locations are dedicated, compassionate and responsive to the care needs and requests of the residents.
- Caressant Care has developed a comprehensive palliative and end-of-life program that encompasses an interdisciplinary approach.
- Residents and family members unequivocally declared their satisfaction with the care and services provided.

“We pride ourselves on being an active and engaged member of our communities,” says Lee Griffi, Manager of Corporate Communications. “To have CARF make it official through accreditation reinforces the fact that we are an important part of the community by providing care, employment, corporate sponsorship and more. It’s wonderful for us to hear we are resident-focused and committed to quality improvement because at the end of the day, we are here to provide a safe and caring Home for our residents.”

Caressant Care has been providing quality care to its residents since 1975. We now own and operate fifteen Long Term Care Homes and ten Retirement Homes across Ontario with our Corporate Office located in Woodstock, Ontario. We are also celebrating 40 Years of Caring later this year with festivities at all of our Homes.

Our Long-Term Care Homes are located in the following communities in Ontario: St. Thomas, Courtland, Tavistock, Woodstock, Listowel, Cambridge, Fergus, Arthur, Harriston, Lindsay, Marmora, Cobden and Bourget.

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