



Press Release	Helen Furner to Receive “Outstanding Family Council Member” Award for 2015
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***Congratulations!***

**Helen Furner**, Family Council Chair at Saint Luke's Place, has just been named the recipient of the **“Outstanding Family Council Member” Award for 2015**, from Family Councils Ontario.

The Family Councils' Program, through Family Councils Ontario, facilitates the development and sustainability of Family Councils in Long-Term Care Homes and facilitates opportunities for Family Councils within a region to meet. Family Councils and Regional Family Council Networks are led by volunteers who together make significant impacts towards improving quality of life for residents of Long-Term Care and their families.

Through Helen's leadership as volunteer chairperson, our Family Council has grown in membership and engagement. Helen has worked collaboratively and cooperatively with Family Council members and with management and staff of Saint Luke's Place in order to ensure that our residents' quality of life is held in the highest regard. Helen is a strong and compassionate supporter of families as they face the new and unique experiences involved with having a loved one residing in Long-Term Care. Helen encourages and mentors other Family Council members to navigate all of the information and resources available to them.

At Saint Luke's Place, we are extremely grateful for Helen's dedication and commitment, as Family Council Chair, in helping to advocate for the provision of the best quality of care for the our residents. We congratulate Helen on receiving this very well-deserved recognition!

The “Outstanding Family Council Member” Award will be presented to Helen on behalf of the Family Councils' Program later this month.

*Incorporated under the Charitable Institutions Act in 1974, Saint Luke's Place is a Charitable, Non-Profit accredited seniors' residential facility located in Cambridge, Ontario. We offer care and services to our Long-Term Care residents, to our Retirement Home residents, and to the tenants in our Independent Apartments. Saint Luke's Place is licensed to operate 114 Long-Term Care Beds, 4 of which are categorized as Veterans' Priority Access Beds. We are also an active member of the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS).*