



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS BULLETIN

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The Elliott Community frequently shares news and information about our community, ways you can donate, and events. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Rebecca McKinlay at 519.822.0491 ext.2242 or by email: [rmckinlay@elliottcommunity.org](mailto:rmckinlay@elliottcommunity.org)



## ***Why is Community Engagement Important?***

Why is community engagement important here at The Elliott Community? Because it is the community you have chosen to live in, work in, volunteer in, and take care of your loved ones in. Our community is ‘engaged’ when people play a meaningful role in the deliberations, discussions, decision-making, and/or implementation of projects or programs affecting them. A solid community engagement framework will help make sure great things happen. When people from different areas in a community, departments, families, and backgrounds work together, they often find they have much more in common, and, in turn, work together to create avenues to work toward a common goal. Here, at The Elliott Community, we know how important it is to involve our people in the engagement of the decision-making processes. This is why we create engagement groups like resident and family council and other committee groups that facilitate an informed dialogue amongst families, residents, staff, and external stakeholders resulting in shared ideas, opinions, and positive outcomes. The more likely individuals in a community are to work together, the more successful they are in reaching positive change. And for this very reason, there was a need to start a Community Engagement Committee here at The Elliott Community. Our goal as a committee is to build engagement opportunities that inspire community stakeholders and develop and deliver ongoing learning opportunities, events, and inclusive activities for staff, families, and residents. In the words of Felix Adler, “People may be said to resemble the pieces of a puzzle, each unique, yet each essential to bring out a complete picture.”

## *BENEFITS OF THE OMI MOTION- ACTIVATED PROJECTION SYSTEMS*



The Elliott Community is continuously looking for new ways of providing different therapeutic experiences and activities for our residents. Thanks to the support of our funders, The Elliott Community was able to purchase two OMi motion-activated projection systems. The projector is a motion-activated projection and can be projected and interacted with almost any surface including floors, beds, walls, ceilings, and tables. The Omi projector allows our residents to take part in meaningful activities together. Residents can push “items” around on the interactive table or simply watch the amazing scenes right before their eyes. These immersive, meaningful interactions bring many cognitive, emotional, physical, and social rewards. The system comes pre-loaded with the “Sensory Suite” which includes more than 300 applications, ranging from nature interactions to physical agility games and mental stimulation activities to imaginative music content. This exciting piece of equipment will change lives here at The Elliott Community and will allow our staff to provide exceptional care to our seniors.

## *THE GREAT ESCAPE 2022 FALL FAIR EVENT*

On Saturday, September 10th, 2022, we gather at The Elliott Community for a safe outdoor onsite event for the first time in two years! Guests also have the choice to join the online silent auction. The Great Escape – will mark the 15th, continuous year in support of The Elliott Community. Join us for an action-packed afternoon with live entertainment by The Dreamboats and an auction, a petting zoo, pony rides, and great food! Stay tuned for more information to come! To learn more about sponsorship and donation opportunities please contact Rebecca McKinlay at:

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## **The Great Escape 2022**

*"Leaf your troubles behind"*

