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Parkview Manor recognized for best practices by RNAO

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Teresa Tibbo, the BPSO representative speaking at Chesley Parkview Manor on May 13.

Nurses and other essential staff do a lot for the people they take care of on a day-to-day basis and last week doing Nursing Week they were acknowledged for the hard work they do.

This acknowledgment was showcased locally at Chesley Parkview Manor Health Care Centre on May 13 as members from Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) were on hand to present the facility and others like it with recognition as one of RNAO's Best Practice Spotlight Organizations (BPSO).

RNAO's Best Practice Guidelines Program is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and was launched in 1999 to provide the best available evidence for patient care across a wide range of health care settings.

"The big focus today is on the work with RNAO. We are partnering with Parkview Manor to bring in five best practice guidelines. The one we are focusing on today is preventing and addressing abuse and neglect of older adults," said Teresa Tibbo, the BPSO representative. "The other guidelines in the project are client centered care, prevention of constipation in older adults and pain management.

Tibbo said one of the objectives of the BPSO program is to raise awareness of the program, so that more facilities like Parkview take on the responsibility of the BPSO guidelines.

"Every year during Nursing Week, RNAO asks a couple of different designations to have these media events. It's really to raise awareness of what RNAO is doing and to introduce programs like BPSO," said Tibbo.

Tibbo said it's also important during Nursing Week to give thanks to the people that work at long-term facilities like Parkview Manor.

"I think a lot of times nurses don't get the thanks that they maybe should. They spend their entire day looking after people. A day like this is not only a way to promote programs like BPSO, but it's also a way to say RNAO appreciates every thing they do as well as all of our health care professionals," said Tibbo. "It's not just about nurses, we are a team, and everyone that works in health care facilities are important."

Tibbo said the BPSO implementation team showcases the diversity because it consists of a variety of health care professionals.

"Our BPSO team is a multi-disciplinary, so we have the director of care, a couple of RPNs, PSWs and housekeeping as well," said Tibbo. "It's easier to spread our knowledge this way when it's multi-disciplinarian."

Tibbo said the BPSO program was created to give its clients and patients the best care possible and she said the staff and management at Parkview Manor is one of the facilities helping to bring these guidelines to the forefront of the health care system in Ontario.

"Because we have the evidence to back up why we are making changes with these guidelines, the evidence tells us this is the way things should be done. I think it says a lot about the staff of Parkview Manor in that they are moving forward with the best practice guidelines and to help us to not get stagnate in our care. We are always looking to do better," said Tibbo. "The really neat thing about Parkview Manor and our BPSO journey is we are the first cohort of long-term care Best Practice Spotlight Organization. Parkview Manor is only one of four long-term care organizations that are involved in the program."

The RNAO is also marking its 90th anniversary this year. Since 1925, RNAO has advocated for healthy public policy, promoted excellence in nursing practice, increased nurses' contribution to shaping the health care system, etc. For more information about RNAO, visit www.rnao.ca. For more information on Parkview Manor Health Care Centre, visit www.parkview-manor.ca.