



The National
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TO: Long-Term Care Residents, Activity Directors, Social Workers & Interested Others
FROM: The Consumer Voice
SUBJECT: The Resident's Voice Challenge 2012



MY VOICE, MY VOTE, MY RIGHT

The **Resident's Voice** is an opportunity for residents from facilities across the country to share their ideas about this year's Residents' Rights Month theme with other residents, ombudsmen, families, community members and nursing home staff.

Residents are encouraged to think about and respond to the following questions:

1. What was the most memorable election you voted in and why?
2. What does it mean to be politically active?
3. Why is it important for you to have the right and ability to vote?

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Residents can respond to the questions in writing (poems, stories), through art of any kind or with video's/recordings. We will use one or two of the entries for the Residents' Rights Month packet and community outreach kit. We encourage facilities/families to frame resident entries and hang them in residents' rooms or other areas of the facility.

All submissions are due July 13, 2012.

Resident submissions will be randomly displayed on the Consumer Voice and National Long-Term Ombudsman Resource Center websites in a section called "**The Resident's Voice.**" Residents who participate will receive a certificate of participation. Please see the submission criteria and photo release forms.

Residents' Rights Month is designated by the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care and is celebrated in October each year to honor residents living in all long-term care facilities, including nursing homes, sub-acute units, assisted living, board and care and retirement communities. It is a time for celebration and recognition offering an opportunity for every facility to focus on and celebrate awareness of dignity, respect and the value of each individual resident.

This year's theme "My Voice, My Vote, My Right" is designed to call attention to residents' rights to vote and participate in the political process.

Send entries electronically to info@theconsumervoice.org.

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