

**Activity Ideas and Suggestions:** Facility-wide Poetry/Essay/Short Story Challenge

**Audience:** Residents, families, volunteers, and staff

**Supplies:** None

**Purpose:** Have residents, families, volunteers, and staff reflect on what CARE Matters means to them, and the experiences they have had.

**Activity:** Prior to Residents' Rights Month invite residents, families, volunteers, and staff to write a poem, essay, or short story about why "CARE Matters," what it means to them, and/or about the experience(s) they have had in the facility.

**Follow-up:** Have these stories read, or a selection of them. Create your own book or three-ring binder of all of the submissions. Consumer Voice would also love to receive a copy of your facility's book after the event!

