

Activity Suggestion: A Day in the Life: What Quality Means to Me

Residents' Rights Month Photo Challenge

Participants: Residents with or without assistance from activity or nursing staff as needed or requested.

Supplies:

- Disposable or digital cameras (Note: Purchase cameras or see if local church, civic groups, or businesses might donate disposable cameras for use).
- Scrap books, aisles, bulletin boards (or other means of displaying photo entries).

Purpose: The purpose and spirit of this Challenge is to emphasize residents' perspectives on quality. Photos taken in this light provide a uniquely introspective look at what residents interpret to be images of quality.

Description:

Hold a facility-wide contest, compile the photos into a scrapbook or set up display in hallway, activity room, etc.

- Form a resident led review panel or panel of judges to review photos and award prizes (see sample review form enclosed).
- Have a roundtable discussion about the photos taken by residents. The discussion can be led by a resident, Resident Council President, or staff member. Recognize residents who participated in the Photo Challenge and ask them to describe their photos. Pass the book around and have residents discuss what they see in the photos, what in the photos signify quality care and quality of life, and what quality means to them.

Additions or Modifications:

- Use the photos to create a collage to hang in a location of the Residents' choice.
- Hang the photographs on a bulletin board in a prominent place of the residents' choosing (e.g. entryway/foyer, dining room, activity room, etc.).
- Discuss the photos with the Resident Council to determine how they would like to see the pictures utilized.
- At the roundtable discussion, ask residents to look at the photos and discuss the images.

Some potential questions for the discussion might include:

- What do residents see in the photos that specifically relates to quality?
- Make a list of the words and feelings conveyed by the photos that indicate quality of care and quality of life.
- Talk about what is missing from photographs that would further improve quality of care and quality of life.

Sample Review Form

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Entry Evaluation Sheet

Entry Number:

Please evaluate the entry using the following questions:

1- Rate the photographer's reflection of the theme (circle one).

1	2	3	4	5
Didn't reflect the theme				Absolutely reflected the theme

2- How would you rate this photo using the scale below?

1	2	3	4	5
One Star (not the best)				Five Stars (the best)

Additional comments or suggestions related to this entry: