



March 4, 2020

Dear Mayor Peabody and Brockton Council Members,

As the Provincial and Federal governments have set their eyes on the Health Care System, the role of the Informal Caregiver has been highlighted recently in the media and in our communities. According to Statistics Canada, one in four Canadians is currently in a caregiving role. As our population ages, this statistic is likely to change, and these caregivers will be the necessity to a sustainable Health System.

Our three organizations, with funding from the Southwest LHIN, provide support to Caregivers through one to one, group programming, and digital support. We all recognize the value that these caregivers add to the lives of their loved ones who they are caring for.

We would like to formally invite you to attend an awareness event that is being held on April 8, 2020. The event will be held at Grey Roots Museum and Archive, and will highlight the importance of Caregivers through a documentary screening and storytelling. You will hear from Caregivers from Grey Bruce, with the goal being to tell their story and raise awareness for what this part of our population experiences in their caregiving role. We know that your attendance at our event would be appreciated by our organizations, as well as the caregivers and health service providers in attendance.

Your RSVP by March 20 would be greatly appreciated. You can RSVP to:

Ginelle.macdougall@von.ca or by phone: 519-376-5895 ext 433

Our sincere thanks for your advocacy on behalf of your constituents,

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