

Bendale Acres Open House
Deputy Mayor Michael Thompson
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Good afternoon.

I am so pleased to be here with you today. Thank you for having me.

The Scarborough Centre community is diverse, empathetic and deeply caring.

The residents, staff and volunteers at Bendale Acres are a shining example of these traits.

The staff members in our long-term care homes care for some of our City's most

vulnerable residents. They do this work with the utmost compassion, respect and dedication to excellence and they are deserving of our recognition and gratitude.

In addition to a dedicated staff, I understand that volunteers contribute more than 10,000 hours of service to the residents here at Bendale Acres. That is a true testament to the goodwill and support our community demonstrates.

And of course, we would not be here today without you, the residents. It is the

legacy you created that we now get to enjoy.

I am also proud of the deep relationship between Bendale Acres and the community.

We can see this relationship in the amazing six storey mural created in partnership with Vibe Arts, an inter-generational art project between local youth and residents.

And through the Adult Day Program that allows local seniors to participate in social programming with their peers.

Or through the Child Care Centre currently under construction that will bring pre-school children and their families into the Bendale Acres circle.

Or through the strong partnership with the Francophone community that will celebrate a 25 year anniversary later this year.

And finally the clients from the Brimley Acres Supportive Housing site who receive assistance with personal care, safety checks and medication reminders to ensure they can maintain their independence.

Bendale Acres is a fixture in our community. I am here today to thank each and every one of you for the role you play in making this possible and for the work you do to better the lives of our seniors.

Thank you again for having me.