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It's Residents' Rights Month!

This week marks the beginning of a month long celebration of residents' rights. Spend time this month honoring residents living in all long-term care facilities, including nursing homes, sub-acute units, assisted living, board and care and retirement communities. Residents' Rights Month 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. The theme for Residents' Rights Month 2014 is "**Better Staffing: The Key to Better Care**" with the goal of encouraging residents and others to be educated about staffing and long-term care.

Resident's Voice

As a part of Residents' Rights Month, the Consumer Voice held the annual Resident's Voice Challenge where residents from across the country submitted stories, artwork, poems, videos, and photos representing this year's theme. We received many thoughtful responses which can be viewed on our [website](#).

Ms. Joyce Almquist, a resident at Rose Terrace Cottages in Idaho shared a poem:

*This is a place for love and rest
There are opportunities to do one's best.
Here is where there is much beauty to learn,
Here is where there is care and concern.*

*For those who are dysfunctional,
Mentally and physically
Care is given to them, to the best of their ability.
Visitors are encouraged to come visit and see,
How we are cared for compassionately.*

Read more of Ms. Almquist's poem and many other submissions to Resident's Voice on our [website](#).

Residents' Rights Month 2014 Events – Coming Soon

Does your organization have events planned to celebrate 2014 Residents' Rights Month? Send us information on your event to info@theconsumervoice.org, and we will post it on our website.

Resources

The Residents' Rights Month Packet is available [online](#). The packet features ready-to-use items, including promotional materials, activities to celebrate Residents' Rights Month, training tools and

resources.

Products

There's still time to purchase Residents' Right Month products. Products with this year's theme include: calendars, keychains, and magnets!

2015 Calendar - \$14/each (plus shipping and handling)

Take a peek inside:

Keychains - \$4/each (plus shipping and handling)

Magnets - Pack of 5 for \$6 (plus shipping and handling)

Bumper stickers - Pack of 5 for \$10 (plus shipping and handling)

In addition, we're offering various packages of products for discounted prices! For a listing of the packages, visit the [Consumer Voice Store](#).

To learn more about the 2014 Residents' Rights Month theme, "Speak Out Against Elder Abuse," go to the Consumer Voice [website](#).

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