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Advocates Across the Country Are Celebrating Residents' Rights Month 2014!

Advocates across the country began Residents' Rights Month spreading the word about rights of all residents and this year's theme, "[Better Staffing: The Key to Better Care](#)." During our Facebook First Friday last week, advocates shared how they are celebrating - holding special residents' rights trainings for residents and staff, playing [Residents' Rights Bingo](#) to ignite discussion, and reviewing [Residents' Rights](#) during Resident Council meetings. Read the Facebook First Friday discussion focused on residents' rights on our [Facebook page](#).

How are you celebrating Residents' Rights Month this year? We'd love to hear what you have planned or how you've celebrated already. Send details and photos to info@theconsumervoice.org.

You can start a conversation on social media too! Spread awareness of Residents' Rights Month and this year's staffing theme by changing your Facebook cover photo or your Twitter profile photo to the [Residents' Rights Month logo](#).

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.

In an essay entitled "Who?" resident Dick Weinman describes his experience with caregivers in his facility:

I want the caregiver to approach me as a person, not as a room number, which

had flashed on the screen of her iPod when I called for help. I'd be grateful if she relates to me with "dignity and compassion" - the words that Assisted Living Facilities use to market themselves. I would appreciate an expression of some understanding of what I can't do for myself and need her to do for me.

I quietly fume at caregivers who do their work perfunctorily, disinterestedly, carelessly – caregivers who don't care, or, as one of those who do care said of one of her colleagues, "she doesn't give a rat's butt." Caregivers like that really piss me off.

Read the entirety of Dick's essay [here](#).

Products

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

[Residents' Rights Month Calendar](#) - \$14 (limited time only)

Take a peek inside:

Purchase a calendar now!

Residents' Rights Month Bumper Stickers - Pack of 5 for \$10

Residents' Rights Month Magnets - Pack of 5 for \$6

Residents' Rights Month Keychain - \$4

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, "Better Staffing: The Key to Better Care," go to the [Consumer Voice website](#).

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