

Continuing Care Month

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Returning a Client's Mobility with a Mechanical Lift

Through the collaborative efforts of Lawtons and VON – Annapolis Valley, a mechanical lift was installed in the home of a client who had been confined to bed for several months due to general decline and deconditioning. The client had previously been receiving care through the dedicated employees at VON. The home visit in Berwick was overseen by a Nurse Manager, a Service Delivery Supervisor from Lawtons, an experienced CCA whom the client and the client's wife were very familiar with, and a CCA student. As part of the installation, Lawtons provided education about safety and success with the mechanical lift to the client and his wife, as well as the continuing care employees.

"The client was so happy and the moment he was sitting up in a chair was very emotional."

– Nurse Manager, VON

The installation returned much of the client's mobility, and they are now exploring obtaining a wheelchair so he can go outside over the summer! Additionally, the education provided by Lawtons was very innovative and useful for the continuing care employees that were present at the installation, and has inspired the employees at VON to inquire about Lawtons coming onsite to do an education session with CCAs.

"It was a great experience for all."

– Nurse Manager, VON



About VON

VON is a national, not-for-profit, charitable home and community care organization consisting of nurses, therapists, and other health care providers that serve Canadians in the comfort of their own home.

"Touching the lives of Canadians every day."

VON offers more than 75 continuing care services suited to people of all ages. The large team of volunteers and staff at VON are committed to ensuring that superior health care is available, affordable, and accessible to all Canadians.

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