

Thank you for your generous support this past year. Because of your giving, our music care programs have reached more people and deepened the care experience for Canadians across the country.

Our three certification programs are raising the standard of music care delivery.

CERTIFY | Organizations

We certified 9 more healthcare organizations. Here are some of the results from Kindera Living, a long-term care provider in Ontario.



Challenge	Solution and Results
Expressive behaviours during personal care	Using resident preferred music reduced expressive behaviours during personal care time by 78%
Engaging socially isolated residents	Resident engagement increased by 18% for socially isolated residents by providing 1:1 music care visits
Dining experience	Using resident personalized playlists, resident appetite increased by 19%
Help team members process grief	Resident self-selected honour walk songs helped 86% of team members process grief of resident death
Resident sleep quality	Using music at bedtime, sleep time increased by 20% and sleep quality by 33%

CERTIFY | Schools

We launched our certification for schools program in September 2025 with 7 schools in the Greater Toronto Area.



CERTIFY | Individuals

Two more individuals have become certified demonstrating excellence in music care delivery.



Leslie Cleary
Owner - Care Visits
Edmonton, AB



Juanne George
Director of Dementia Care
Glen Hill Terrace, Whitby, ON

Out and About



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1. Gill training caregivers for CERTIFY in Whitby
2. Dawn, Tanya & Gill at our MUSIC CARE CONFERENCE
3. Bev, Stephen (Chair), and financial partner Susan Scott Gabe visiting the Peterborough Hospice
4. Dawn & Jennifer Buchanan at the Arts Care conference in Calgary
5. Lisa & Dawn at the Ontario Long Term Care Conference in Toronto

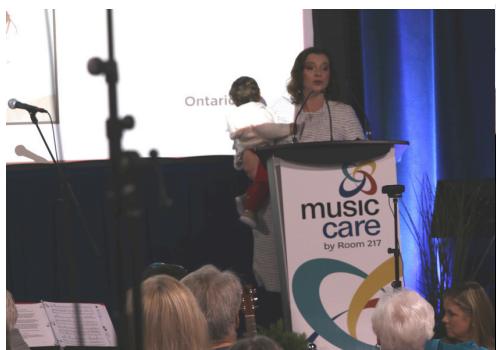
National Recognition



On November 3, MUSIC CARE by Room 217 was honoured with the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Canadian Centre of Caregiving Excellence, a program of the Azrieli Foundation. The event took place at the National Caregiving Symposium in Ottawa, ON.

MUSIC CARE CONFERENCES 2025 - MISSISSAUGA 'The Power of a Song in Dementia Care'

This year, we hosted two back-to-back conference days at Metalworks Institute in Mississauga. On November 13, we welcomed more than 150 Grade 11 and 12 students to our first-ever high school conference. Students spent the day exploring the connection between music and dementia care, as well as learning about diverse career pathways in music and health. The momentum continued on November 14 at our 17th Canadian conference with over 200 caregivers. A highlight was when Ontario's Minister of Health, the Honourable Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, joined us to speak about Ontario's new Bill 121, Improving Dementia Care in Ontario.



VIRTUAL LEARNING STUDIO

We added 1 new course to our online classroom: **Guitar Basics in Care**



Salon Events

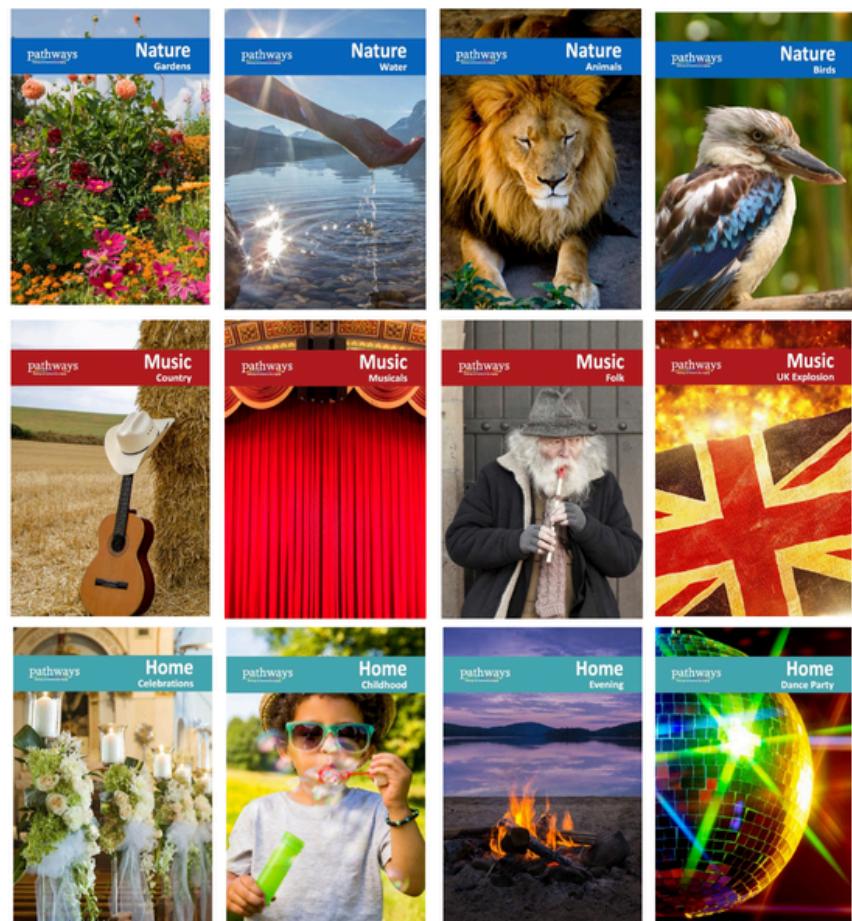
We presented two gatherings in Port Perry that gave us the opportunity to share our story and generate more awareness about MUSIC CARE by Room 217.

Room 217 McMaster Research Practicum

Our paper on *Validating the Music Wellness Model* was published in *Education Sciences*. Currently, we are studying the effects of music on pressure wounds in the long-term care population.

New Dementia Tool

PATHWAYS is a targeted singing program that provides repeatable, multi-sensory and interactive programming for memory care. We have completed production of 12 new episodes that will be launched in late spring of 2026.



Caregiver Story



Our long-term care home has a rich and vibrant music program. As the Recreation Manager, and someone who loves music, I lead a thriving resident choir within the home. An extraordinary aspect of this choir is that our piano accompanist is one of our residents. She is 100 years old and continues to learn new songs as our repertoire grows.