



Seniors Increase Digital Literacy Skills Through Partnership Between The Perley Rideau and Connected Canadians

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The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre and Connected Canadians are proud to team up to provide free technology training to seniors living in the Perley Rideau apartments.

Earlier this year a Memorandum of Understanding between the two non-profit organizations was signed to formalize a relationship that has grown since 2018. The agreement builds on a successful pilot project by Connected Canadians providing free training sessions to apartment tenants on an ongoing basis. Connected Canadians' goal is to provide basic digital skills to empower participants to communicate with loved ones and improve quality of life in today's rapidly-evolving digital world.

“ Innovation and collaboration have always been – and will continue to be – central to the Perley Rideau. By creating new service models, innovations and partnerships -- with respected partners like Connected Canadians – we continue to improve the lives of the seniors in our Village.”

- Akos Hoffer, Chief Executive Officer,
The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

At the start, this free technical training and support was offered to the 200 seniors in the 139 apartments and hosted in the Great Hall of the Commissionaires Ottawa Place apartment. A free public class was also provided by Connected Canadians as part of the Perley Rideau Lifelong Learning course offerings.

“ Connected Canadians believes digital literacy is a basic need in today's society, relevant to everyone, regardless of age. We've found the participants at the Perley Rideau to be very receptive to our programming, and hope to continue our work towards making digital skills truly accessible to all.”

Emily Jones Joanisse, CEO and Co-founder, Connected Canadians



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ABOUT

The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

A charitable not-for-profit organization, The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre is one of Ontario's largest and most innovative long-term care homes. Located on a 25-acre campus, it is a unique Seniors Village with 450 long-term care beds, 139 independent-living apartments, and a growing number of clinical, therapeutic and recreational services available on-site.

- Learn more at www.PerleyRideau.ca and www.ActivePerleyRideau.com

Connected Canadians

Connected Canadians is a not-for-profit organization empowering seniors and older adults by providing free technology training and support. Founded in Ottawa by Emily Jones Joannis and Tasneem Damen, Connected Canadians is volunteer run and supported by more than 35 volunteers ranging in age from 21 and 78. Many Connected Canadians volunteers are new Canadians who are highly skilled technology workers, speaking more than 12 languages among them.

Connected Canadians volunteers benefit from the cultural awareness and conversational practice opportunities that come from their interaction with clients, and their clients are able to feel a sense of pride and connection in helping to welcome newcomers into the community.

Connected Canadians' long-term goal is to provide free technology training and support for seniors across Canada and they are actively seeking partners and sponsors to help them reach this goal.

Learn more at www.ConnectedCanadians.ca

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the well-being of the people we serve.*

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