Quality Palliative Care in Long Term Care A Community-University Research Alliance

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Memory Boxes

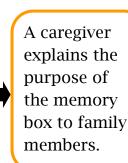
Purpose:

Memory Boxes support communication by:

- Communicating to the family members a respect for the resident as well as their possessions.
- Communicates to family members that the staff of the home acknowledge and empathize with the loss that has occurred and the importance the person had in the families life.
- Provides staff with a tool to help families through this tough transition.
- Supports the relationships between community partners.

Process:

Memory boxes are decorated by volunteers and staff are aware of where The box is placed on a residents bed by a caregiver after the body is removed, a pamphlet on grief support is attached.



Family members put important items into the memory





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