

Dear Residents and Staff of Oakcrossing Retirement Living,

Thank you for welcoming me into your home and never failing to put a smile on my face!

I moved in a few months ago on September 1, relocating to London from Winnipeg, Manitoba and leaving all of my family and friends behind. I am so grateful to have had your company and support during this transition and my first term of graduate studies at Western University.

Whether we have routine visits or just exchange smiles in passing, I truly appreciate each and every one of you. You remind me of the importance of human connection in a world that is becoming increasingly dependant on technology, especially within the academic community that I spend so much of my time. You provide encouragement in challenging moments, academically, musically, and on a personal level. You have also given me a place to live where I feel comfortable and safe. I am so spoiled!

This holiday season I am immensely thankful for the stories, wisdom, music, and smiles that you have shared with me! I look forward to the performances, choir rehearsals, meal company, and chess games that the new year will bring. I appreciate everything you have done and will continue to do for me. It means the world to me! Please never hesitate to ask me any questions you may have, make suggestions, or start a conversation with me.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

Sincerely,

Hailey Witt