

MEDIA RELEASE

Assisted Living Services Helps Anna Live Safely at Home



December 29, 2011 – Assisted Living delivered by *The Friends* means Anna Blaney, 89, can live independently at home in Parry Sound with her feline partner Ramsay. She is one of the more than 800 Northerners who benefit from the North East LHIN's local assisted living programs.

Friends, a non-profit charitable organization in Parry Sound, delivers assisted living services to seniors residing in their building and to those like Anna, who live a short distance away.

Assisted living services allow around-the-clock scheduled and unscheduled support for a high risk senior. In the past, assisted living was *building*-focused. Now, thanks to an updated High Risk Seniors Policy, services can be delivered to people living in their own homes. High risk seniors are eligible to receive up to 180 hours of personal care and support a month.

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