Noreen Langdon returned home to our community after retirement. She brought with her a great knowledge and background in long term care as she is a RN and past Administrator of a nursing home in Ontario. She wanted to stay connected to what was near and dear to her heart.

We have benefited greatly from her willingness to share her knowledge in many ways. Shortly after orientating as a volunteer she recognized that her time could be better utilized on the weekends so she plays Bingo every other Saturday afternoon, assists with meals, spends one on one time visiting, and supports residents in the evening who are experiencing sun downing. This is something most people would not be so willing to do. She also graciously stepped into the role of our Resident Council Facilitator when the current one had to step down due to illness. Despite a busy life she makes herself readily available by coming in to assist with our special activities such as our Mother’s Day Tea, Christmas Bake Sale Fundraiser, Resident Christmas Party and Christmas Eve Tea. She often just checks our monthly Activity Calendar and asks to you need help with... “I will come in”.

Another passion of Noreen’s is in the area of Palliative Care. She is assisting us with further program development that focuses on different education needs for staff, volunteers, families and our Pastoral Care Committee. We also benefit from her involvement with the Alzheimer’s Society. For the 2nd year, she has assisted us with the Alzheimer’s Coffee Break where we raised over $440.00. Along with Noreen, we just hosted our the first rural Memory Café. Those attending were given the opportunity to socialize and share experiences relating to Alzheimer’s disease. Noreen is also the Executive & Artistic Director for the Health Arts Society of Atlantic Canada, who provides Concerts in Care bringing professional musicians to Long Term Care. With Noreen’s assistance we were able to provide this experience to our residents.

We at Rexton Lions Nursing Home are grateful for all the time, knowledge, and work Noreen has done and continues to do on our behalf. We appreciate it and want to say “Thank you” for being a great volunteer.