

As part of the course Gerontology in Practice in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Western University, fourth-year students work on issues put forth by community partners, and get the opportunity to improve the lives of seniors. In the fall of 2013, students worked with the Alzheimer Society London & Middlesex and analyzed research supporting the strong ties between music and memory. The students created a program whereby those living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia had access to an iPod that was pre-loaded with music specifically designed to their preferences. The students witnessed clients' reactions to the music and saw that they often became more animated, experienced elevated moods, and were able to

University students and health partners in Niagara. One important outcome is the creation of a resource guide for diabetic patients so that they will better understand safe insulin use. Other projects are improving the patient experience in the emergency department, identifying strategies to reduce inappropriate use of antibiotics and improving care for patients suffering from sepsis.

Nipissing University also has a program that gets students involved in health. Enactus Nipissing is a student group that uses the power of social entrepreneurship to tackle crucial social and environmental problems. Business students earn credits

toward their degree while planning, organizing and promoting events, while at the same time raising awareness about critical health issues. The annual Halloween Blood Donor Save-a-Life event has boosted blood donations from those aged 17-35, a cohort that rarely donates blood. Enactus students are currently raising

“ Driftwood Community Centre's participants have benefited greatly from the hard work of the York students in the KIN Kids Program. The parents involved have gained valuable information about their children's health through the program, which is helping them to improve their lifestyles and the overall health of their families. Overall, Driftwood Community Centre has truly profited from this partnership and is looking forward to its continuation for many years to come. ”

– Jasmine Surkari, Community Recreation Programmer, Driftwood Community Centre

tell stories about their past. It inspired many students to aspire to work in gerontology upon graduation. The project was so successful that, each year, students continue to contribute to its further evolution.

Another program focused on improving lives is the Interprofessional Education for Quality Improvement Program in which students and medical professionals work to enhance the quality of health care in the Niagara region. Students and professionals examine infection control, patient satisfaction, falls prevention and chronic disease management as part of a partnership between McMaster University's School of Medicine's Niagara Regional Campus, Brock

awareness about tissue and organ donors, since more than 1,500 Ontarians are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, but fewer than 25 per cent of Ontarians are registered as donors.

Like their counterparts in other medical fields, students in midwifery are required to complete supervised work placements. Laurentian University's midwifery program is offered in collaboration with McMaster and Ryerson, and puts a heavy emphasis on hands-on training. Students complete six terms of full-time placements, and by the time they graduate, they have attended at least 60 births, 40 as the primary care provider.