

## Our 2SLGBTQI+ History:

- 2009:** Reikai Centres partners with Senior Pride Network
- 2015:** The Reikai Centres partnered with Casey House to develop a video teaching series titled “Compassionate Care in a Changing Landscape: HIV/AIDS and Long-Term Care”.
- 2016:** The Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) was created at Reikai Centres to provide a space for members to communicate and address needs of the community.
- 2019:** Bridging the Gap Pride event held at Reikai Centres to address the need for 2SLGBTQI+ participation in long term care homes.
- 2021:** Increasing visual awareness for the 2SLGBTQI+ communities and supporting a championship training module for dedicated front-line staff at Reikai Centres by “All Welcoming”.
- 2022:** Specialized 2SLGBTQI+ LTC Micro-Training to support dedicated front-line staff on the Rainbow Wing.
- 2022:** Reikai Centres to open the first Rainbow Wing in North America at the Reikai Centre at Wellesley Central Place.
- June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** Reikai Centres & Pride Toronto to host Seniors Event in LTC

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# The Reikai Centres The Rainbow Wing

## Our Mission and Values

**We strive to provide a safe space for older 2SLGBTQI+ individuals to host and find their chosen family**

Our mission at the Reikai Centres is to empower our residents to live rich, purposeful lives. The 2SLGBTQI+ population deserve a place where they can be themselves without fear. By creating the first Long-Term Care units dedicated to this population, we want to welcome them and their allies to a place that they can call home.



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## Why a Rainbow Wing?

The Ipsos Survey, conducted in 2018 at the request of Reikai Centres, involved strategic polling and focus groups within the 2SLGBTQI+ community. It was found that 94% of the 2SLGBTQI+ community were in favour of a dedicated unit. Current estimates show that there are over 65,000 individuals who identify as being part of the 2SLGBTQI+ community over the age of 65 - a number which will only grow as the population ages.

The focus groups highlighted the need for culturally sensitive staff who are allies or members of the community. They also stressed a need for the revision of the admission process to breakdown systematic barriers that persist in health care. Lastly, they want an environment that is fully representative of the 2SLGBTQI+ identity.

## Location and Plan

There will be two Rainbow Wings:

- The Rainbow Wing at Wellesley Central Place (25 bed unit) located at Wellesley and Sherbourne, two blocks from the Village, opening in 2022
- The Rainbow Wing at Cherry Place (22 bed unit), located at Front and Cherry, a block from the distillery district, opening in 2024.

Creating a safe space for the 2SLGBTQI+ community at the Reikai Centres will be exemplified through

- Educated staff that are culturally competent in providing care for the 2SLGBTQI+ community
- Identified staff as members or allies
- Curated programming catered towards the needs of the residents
- Inclusive environment through reflective artwork