

Sample Letter to the Editor

Resident Councils of Washington

Commemorative

Wheel/Roll-a-thon

Dear _____

This year the Resident Councils of Washington is recognizing October 4 – 10, 2009 as Residents' Rights Week, a time to remember and recognize the 2.8 million people who live in long-term care facilities across the country. This year, Washington State's own autonomous organization for residents, the Resident Councils of WA (RCW) is organizing a Wheel/Roll-a-thon to celebrate, raise awareness and generate support for its own unique resident run organization 25 years old this year. Our resident board of directors want their friends and family know that they intend to keep the basic rights that they enjoyed before moving into a facility including freedom of choice, the right to privacy, and the right to participate in activities.

Please join the residents, family members, ombudsmen and facility staff in our state by celebrating Residents' Rights Week 2009 and joining in on this fun fundraiser. Facilities across the state of Washington are raising funds through a fun wheel or roll a thon. Join in the fun by helping your favorite facility resident council support their own state organization through contributions in increments of 25 to recognize the longevity and future of the Resident Councils of Washington.

Sincerely,