

## Message from the Administrator



Welcome to a Covid-19 winter, where if it snows you can't go tobogganing because there might be someone else on the hill. This is exaggerating, but it sure feels that way. With all this spare time on our hands from the restrictions of what we can and cannot do, we can now make shoveling a part of our exercise regimen. Last winter I didn't even start my snow blower and this year I've had it out four times already and it is only the beginning of

December.

We have amazing staff at our home. During the big storm in November a group of them got in their four wheel drives and went around picking up and dropping off staff so they could come to work. It was truly a team effort to get through that Monday. One of our nurses even slept over at the home on the Sunday evening because she had a shift on Monday morning as well. THANK YOU STAFF!!!

It took an entire week for us to clean our parking lots and sidewalks from having 35cm of snow dumped on us. We



thank God for the nice weather that followed so that a good portion of it would melt away.

As you know by now we have been mandated by the SHA to have our residents wear masks when they

aren't in their rooms. I was quite concerned about how our residents would react to this but we introduced it to them gradually and amazingly they took to it quite well. It's possible that since we as staff have been wearing the masks for months that now that they have to wear them too we are all looking the same again. All is well for right now.

Christmas is going to look different this year as we won't be able to have our Resident/Family Christmas banquet which is always such a great evening of awesome food and joyful singing. There is, however, a rumor that Santa is still coming on Dec 23rd. I'm sure there will be pictures on our Facebook page. If you haven't been following us on Facebook then you should 'LIKE' our page and you

won't miss out on anything that goes on here.

We thank God daily for His continual protection on our Home from Covid-19. So far we have had no residents or Circle Drive staff test positive for covid and we have also been able to keep all the other seasonal viruses away too.

Thankfully the government has said it will vaccinate Long Term Care residents and staff first. We can't wait until that happens.

On behalf of our Board, Staff and Residents we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we pray that you will have a safe and healthy New Year!

~ Clint Kinchen, Administrator



## Care for the Whole Person

We have been extremely privileged to serve for over thirty years at Circle Drive Special Care Home in an atmosphere of love, caring and Christian faith. We provide a high standard of care because of the generosity of our donors who, like us, believe our residents deserve the best of care. Your financial support allows us the opportunity to make improvements for the benefit of our residents.

Once again, we will recognize your year end gift on our Giving Tree. "The Giving Tree" is an allegory, written by Shel Silverstein, that symbolizes a life spent performing acts of selfless giving. During this Christmas season as we celebrate Jesus' birth, we recognize those who, through their donations, choose to make a difference at Circle Drive Special Care Home.

When we receive your year end gift, your name will be placed on an ornament and hung on our Giving Tree located near our front entrance.

Please accept our warmest thanks for all that you have given.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year.

Board of Directors, Management and Staff  
- Circle Drive Special Care Home

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## Musical Blessing from Noreen Aasen, Spiritual Care Coordinator

Merry Christmas to each of you and may the year 2021 be a New Year very different from the one we have experienced in 2020!

Roger Whittaker sings:

Christmas is here again,  
Stand up and cheer again  
Let's leave our heartache and sorrow  
behind.

Although we have all walked through a difficult year, Christmas is truly a time of Cheer! The birth of Christ brings hope and joy into a dark world just like it did years ago in Bethlehem.

One source of joy and hope in this advent season is music. Did you know that the Gospel of Luke actually holds three "ancient advent hymns"? I'd encourage you to look into them. They speak of joy, servanthood and trust in God in unusual situations.

The first one is known as Mary's

Magnificat. Mary says "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...for He who is mighty has done great things in me." Mary was in a serious situation. She wasn't speaking lightly. However, she was acknowledging that God was with her and she was willing to obey Him.

Secondly, there is Zechariah's blessing after the birth of his son, John the Baptist. Here Zechariah blesses God and prophesies of the deliverance God will bring to His people. Remember we are His people and the sheep of His pastures. He declares, " (He) will give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Thirdly, Luke tells us of the Angels' amazing Choir singing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom God is pleased". Imagine being one of the shepherds

and hearing this glorious song. And then not only hearing it, but going and finding all that they had said was true. Imagine actually seeing the Christ Child and recognizing that it was Him, our Messiah!

Then lastly, there is the song of Simeon. He takes the baby Jesus in his arms and sings, "Let your servant now depart in peace, for I have seen your salvation. He is a light to the gentiles and a glory to your people Israel".

We too can embrace Jesus. We can see His salvation. We can walk in the light of revelation and rejoice in Him.

So this advent season, I would encourage you to read Luke 1 and 2 with open hearts and minds, that you may experience a fresh sense of the true meaning of Christmas. That you may find cheer and peace this Christmas season.

## Recreation Activities

*Christmas is forever, not for just one day,  
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away*

*like bells and lights and tinsel, in some  
box upon a shelf.*

*The good you do for others is good you  
do yourself.*

– Norman Wesley Brooks

Christmas time is always a special time filled with love, lights, warmth and music. This is exactly what we are hoping to fill the home with in recreation. We will be having a virtual Christmas concert as well as have a new staff member come to play Christmas music on the guitar. Along with Christmas music we are looking forward to Christmas crafts, trivia, trips to the Enchanted Forest as well as our annual Christmas Pageant.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the Cookie Crumbles Fundraiser, especially those at Circle Drive Place. The Resident Council received \$1160.00 and they can decide to make purchases to benefit all the residents at Circle Drive Special Care Home. One idea is to have Tim Horton's coffee and donuts in the afternoon every couple of months!

Another thank you to all those who have responded to our previous wish lists. The residents are enjoying their new toys like a huge 75" SmartTV, shuffleboard and soft bocce ball, and Bluetooth speakers to name a few. This Christmas we are wishing for 3-4 headphone and microphone sets (\$60 each) for the residents to make their FaceTime and video chats with family easier as well as a new dry eraser board (\$1,000) which we use so often for many different

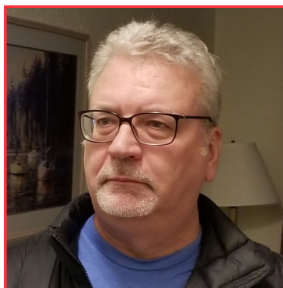
games and activities.

Ashli Davie will finish her time at CDSCH at the end of December. She and her husband, Andrew, along with their dog, Kitana, are moving to Andrew's hometown in Manitoba. Ashli did her Recreation Therapy practicum with us and thereafter was hired in both recreation and dietary. She has been a wonderful part of our team in recreation for six years, working Saturdays, holidays and covering other shifts whenever she could. Her good conversations will be dearly missed by residents and staff. We are sad to see her go but we wish her every blessing as she moves on to a new chapter in a new province. Thank you Ashli!

Wishing a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all,

Delanie Gatin, Recreation Supervisor





## Welcome Tom Liske

Tom Liske is well known to our Residents as he has worked part time in Recreation for the past year. Tom is expanding his role at the care home by stepping into the position vacated by retiring Community Services Coordinator, Karen Lilly.

Tom received his Recreation education at Red River College in Winnipeg with further professional studies at the University of Saskatchewan in health care management. Tom has worked at Rest Haven Lodge in Sidney, BC, Park Manor Personal Care Home in Winnipeg and Sunnyside Nursing Home in Saskatoon.

Tom is a professional comedian who has performed across the country. Highlights of his entertainment career are the weekly spot he had on CBC Radio, working with Brent Butt and the Smothers Brothers. His media background includes film, radio, writing and publishing. He has been the keynote speaker for volunteer and health care related conferences.

Tom is an avid fan of most sports – particularly football, basketball and golf. We warmly welcome Tom to our team!

## Staff Christmas Wish List

- 🌲 TV screen to display the daily menu, \$1,500
- 🌲 Winter outerwear for maintenance staff, \$500
- 🌲 Walkie Talkies for nursing staff, 12 @ \$90

## Virtual Harvest Dinner Gala

The annual Harvest Dinner Gala has been a Circle Drive Special Care Home fixture for many years. This year marked the 20th anniversary of the Gala fundraiser, which we regretfully cancelled.

The residents of Circle Drive Place have faithfully donated to the Harvest Dinner Gala. In October we set up a table in the foyer of CDP and invited donations in support of a virtual Harvest Dinner Gala. Each donor was thanked with a Tim Horton's gift card and a rose. Not everyone walked away with the rose between their teeth the way one man did!

The Archibalds came dressed in their Gala finery, which made our day! We are so blessed to have the residents of Circle Drive Place as our neighbours.

Over \$7,000.00 was donated.

We placed a number of silent auction items on our facebook page and a further \$485.00 was raised by our facebook followers.

We give God the glory!

Karen Lilly, Community Services Coordinator



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