

# FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT to the COLUMBUS LONG TERM CARE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on JUNE 29, 2016

*Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.  
Kindness in giving creates love." Lao Tzu*

This past year thanks to the generosity of many including families and friends, Family Council, Board and Society members and charitable organizations such as the Knights of Columbus over \$63,000 was raised. Donors made it possible to maintain programs and purchase much needed medical equipment. A significant portion of our general fundraising came from our Gala last May and in the way of resident memorial gifts.

We were blessed to again have our Community Grant application accepted and received \$80,000 from the BC Government. The significance of this funding, while it doesn't fully cover our non-funded programs, cannot be emphasized enough; it is critical in keeping both our Pastoral Care and Music Therapy programs flourishing.

Long-time supporter, The Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Woodward's Foundation, provided us with a grant that allowed us to purchase five new electric beds. The Werner and Helga Hoing Foundation, also a supporter for many years provided two large gifts to Pastoral Care.



*Flamenco dancers perform at Gala*



*Auctioneer, Hon. Bill Vander Zalm is assisted by Fundraising Co-Chair. Greg Rahn.*

In May 2015, "España te Espera", our 7<sup>th</sup> Fundraising Gala to support our Music Therapy, Physiotherapy and Pastoral Care programs was held. The energetic and colourful evening was enjoyed by 100 guests and we raised close to \$18,000.

*This past year, with your generosity, we were able to:*

- ❖ Keep Entertainer, Pete Campbell, singing and strumming for the residents on the Special Care floor every Saturday morning and two Tuesday afternoons a month.



*Pete Campbell and Margaret share a tender moment*



*The Heart of our Home – The Chapel*

- ❖ Secure our essential Spiritual Care program with 7-day coverage. Spiritual care communicates Christ's healing love and compassion to all, especially those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Our Spiritual Care team are skilled in discerning new beginnings, spiritual crisis and in providing hope and celebrating life with all its changes. Our residents, their families, staff and volunteers have all benefited from our Spiritual Care services, which could not be offered without the financial support of our donors.

- ❖ Keep our Physio/Occupational Therapy Services at four hours per week. Our Physiotherapist (PT) assesses all new residents to determine their current level of function and makes recommendations about transfers and mobility, and completes annual reassessments on range of motion, strength, balance and mobility. Residents are also assessed as needs arise. Allison shares this recent success story:



*Rehab Assistant, Philip, leading residents in an exercise program*

*"I have had the privilege of working with one of the residents over the past few months. She has an exercise program to challenge her balance including single leg standing, walking forwards heel to toe, sideways and backwards, mini squats, and wall push-ups for arm strengthening. We get a few looks when she is completing these exercises in the hallway! Her walking tolerance has increased and she has been able to maintain her functional abilities to allow her to participate in care and minimize the need for hands-on assistance. This has not only a physical benefit, but a psychological one as well. Her family say they are grateful for the social stimulation of our sessions."*

Continue Music Therapy at 16 hours per week. The varied programs stimulate the senses, evoke feelings and emotions and cause physiological and mental responses. Playing a musical instrument, listening to or singing a melody relaxes the muscles, brings oxygen into the body and lifts the spirits!



Lyndia and Bill perform at Neighborly Jamboree

❖ Support our Therapeutic Recreation programs that provide rewarding opportunities for residents to participate in experiences for enjoyment, self-development and skill utilization. Programs such as gardening, flower-arranging, watercolour painting, and baking allow the residents to express themselves creatively regardless of their physical or cognitive limitations. Outings also play an important role in assisting residents to participate in enjoyable leisure activities while maintaining and expanding their awareness of the community around them.



Bus Buddies Gwaik and Bernie

In this new fiscal year, with a minor operating budget increase disproportionate to our increased expenses, donor support is more vital than ever. We are seeking sponsors for the following:

- Bus Program
  - Gas, Insurance Maintenance \$2,200 p/a
- Entertainment & Creative Arts
  - Annual Fees Total \$7,300
- Gardening/sprinkler system
  - Courtyard, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Floor patios \$800 p/a
- Special Events and Meals
  - Light Up For Christ \$750
  - Family Night \$750
  - Summer Social \$750
  - Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year's Dinner \$750
- Aquarium fish, food, cleaning and maintenance \$3,300 p/a

We are heartened by the steadfast support and generosity of our many faithful donors. We must give a special acknowledgement to our Family Council, who committed numerous hours preparing for their annual Craft and Bake sale in December that netted \$3,465.70, a new record! The Family Council designated funds to the Bus Program, Aquarium and the Staff Fund.

*The following list highlights gifts of \$200 or more:*

**DONATIONS TO COLUMBUS RESIDENCE  
(April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016)**

**DONATIONS of \$5,000 and MORE**

Woodward's Foundation  
Yvonne DeTroye

**DONATIONS of \$1,000 to \$1999**

Barrie & Carola Anderson  
Brian and Joyce Beaman  
Marion Blake  
Mary Cairns  
Terence Heenan  
Jacquie Julian & Gordon Cherry  
Pauline Morin  
Elaine Wong & Family

**DONATIONS of \$2,000 to \$4999**

Werner & Helga Hoing Foundation  
Dorset Realty Group  
Estate of Betty Boyd  
Family Council

**DONATIONS of \$500 to \$999**

KofC Council 12490 St. Helen's	Patricia Miller
Florence Chisolm	Joanne Rogers
Amy Chiu	G. Michael & Sandra Shepard
Peter and Suki Choy	Joan Stewart
Hazel Harrison	Telus TeamCares
Ted & Gayle Hawthorne	Peter Wong
Dario Lazarko	

**DONATIONS TO COLUMBUS RESIDENCE**  
**(April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016)**

**DONATIONS of \$200 to 499**

KofC Council 4615 Peter McGuire  
David Chang  
Richard Da Costa  
Emelyn and Claro Fernandez  
Derek Francis  
Diana Gallivan  
Kima Grieve  
Faune Johnstone  
Dorothy Mackenrot

Kenneth Ng  
Stan and Marilyn Pidsadny  
Greg and Laurel Rahn  
Andrew Secord  
Guaik Tanjuaquio  
Paul Spelliscy & Sheryl Trask  
Grace Tam  
Elizabeth and Simon Yan

*A special thank you to our fellow Fundraising Committee members:*

*Stanley Pidsadny (Board Member), Mike Steffen (Board Chair), Peter Wong (Board Member),  
Dale Clements (Administrator) and Holly Martin-Thompson (Administrative Coordinator)*

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