

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT to the COLUMBUS LONG TERM CARE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on JUNE 28, 2017

*"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed."
Maya Angelou*

Our faithful donors demonstrate a deep commitment to our work of providing holistic, quality care to 76 seniors. We had a remarkable year, setting a new record of \$196,000 (net) for funds raised. Our good fortune was due largely to a single donation of \$84,000 from Theresa Fudge whose late husband, Bernard, was involved with Columbus Long Term Care Society in the early stages of building development. There were two other donations of \$20,000 each.

In May 2016, an Asian inspired Fundraising Gala was held. The sold-out event netted close to \$17,000, with proceeds supporting our Music Therapy, Physiotherapy and Spiritual Care programs.



Auctioneer, Marc Bergevin is assisted by Fundraising Co-Chair, Greg Rahn and Holly Martin during the Gala's live auction.

St. Mary's Health Foundation provided us with a grant for \$6,000, which allowed us to purchase a Sit-to-Stand resident lift.

In addition to our general fundraising, our Community Gaming application was successful, so we received \$80,000 from the provincial government. We are blessed to have this source of funding; without it, it is unlikely we could sustain our Pastoral Care and Music Therapy programs.



Bright Sunset Chinese Dance Group perform at Gala

This past year, in a true spirit of giving by many, we were able to:



Children from Heather Bible School perform in the chapel

Book Pete Campbell, a resident favourite, in the special care floor every Saturday morning and two Tuesday afternoons a month. A generous gift from a former Recreation Therapist allowed us to secure this regular entertainment.



Pete Campbell and friends

Continue our vital Spiritual Care program that distinguishes us as a faith-based organization committed to addressing the spiritual aspect of holistic care with coverage 7 days a week. As a source of strength for residents, spirituality can add hope, meaning and motivation to their lives, especially in the ongoing transitions experienced in the aging process. Our Spiritual Care programs, which provide spiritual, sacramental, palliative, and bereavement support, will continue to be a meaningful focus of our ongoing fundraising.



Mary Clare and Vera on the drums.

Sustain our Music Therapy program at 16 hours per week. With the power to uplift the spirit, tap into lost memories and foster meaningful relationships, we have been witness to many beautiful resident moments through Music Therapy.

Support our Therapeutic Recreation programs that have proven to significantly improve verbal interaction and life satisfaction, decrease levels of

depression and enhance perception of personal control and competence. Program participation can also result in increased involvement with families and improved visit satisfaction for everyone.



Rec. Therapists Paloma and Fiona pose with Marguerite at the Roaring 20's party



❖ Maintain our Restorative Program and Physio/Occupational Therapy services that include comprehensive physiotherapy and occupational therapy assessments, group exercises, and 1:1 walking and conditioning programs to address flexibility, strength and balance. Regular resident assessments and reviews of this program have noted very positive results, which include improved mobility, increased self-esteem, reduced depression and fewer falls and injuries. Allison and Jomin share two success stories that highlight just how valuable these services are, even at only 4 hours (physiotherapy) and 4 days per week (Restorative Program).

“We had the opportunity to work specifically with one of the residents whose mobility had decreased significantly following a head injury. He had surgery to place a shunt. He had previously enjoyed travelling and now at Columbus, was keen to participate in various outings. We practiced walking, transfers, and the stairs so that he could independently get into the Columbus bus and go out with the group. Another resident, on admission, was unable to self-propel his wheelchair. After working with Rehab Assistant, Jomin, he is now able to propel using the leg which was affected by his stroke. Gaining this independence benefits residents both physically and mentally.”

In December, despite the inclement weather, the annual Craft and Bake Sale, coordinated by our amazing Family Council, brought in almost \$3,500 which exceeded 2015’s total revenue. Ticket sales from the stunning gift baskets accounted for a third of the sales. This committed, creative group is commended for the many hours they invested in this successful, seamless event. The Council is also sincerely thanked for generously donating \$2,000 to support the Bus Program, Aquarium and Staff Fund.



Family Council 2016

While the last fiscal year saw a significant jump in funds raised, the largest gifts were one-time donations. As such, we cannot guarantee such substantial revenue in the future. Expenses for our resident bus have more than doubled over the last couple of years due to increased maintenance and repairs. Food costs continue to rise and thus expenses related to our special meals and events have increased significantly. Finally, the cost to maintain our aquarium has gone up 14%. Therefore, in this new fiscal year, we are seeking sponsors for the following:

- Bus Program
 - Gas, Insurance and Maintenance \$6,900 p/a
- Entertainment & Creative Arts
 - Annual Fees Total \$7,300
- Gardening/sprinkler system
 - Courtyard, 2nd and 4th Floor patios \$800 p/a
- Special Events and Meals
 - Light Up for Christ \$750
 - Family Night \$750
 - Summer Social \$750
 - Easter/Mother’s Day/Father’s Day/Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year’s Dinner \$750 each
- Aquarium fish, food, cleaning and maintenance \$3,735 p/a

Thank you again to the nearly 100 individuals and groups, including various Knights of Columbus Councils, for your tremendous support. We hope that you will continue to partner with us in our commitment to be a home alive with hope, joy, meaning and motivation entrusted to provide compassionate quality care.

DONATIONS TO COLUMBUS RESIDENCE (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017)		
DONATIONS of \$10,000 and MORE		DONATIONS of \$5,000 and MORE
Anonymous Columbus Buildings Notre Dame Pietas Foundation Theresa Fudge		St. Mary's Health Foundation Yvonne De Troye Cora Ferrer Diana & Don Gallivan
DONATIONS of \$2,000 to \$4999		DONATIONS of \$1,000 to \$1999
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DONATIONS of \$500 to \$999		DONATIONS of \$200 to \$499
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