

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM COLUMBUS RESIDENCE WINTER 2017



Thank You for Your Support

“Night at the Theatre Fundraiser”

Our thanks to everyone who came out to support our “Night at the Theatre” fundraising event on November 1st. The evening was a great success as just over **\$10,000** was raised for our Pastoral Care, Physiotherapy and Music Therapy programs.

We would like to acknowledge Holly Martin-Thompson, Linda Chiang and our Board of Directors for organizing this event and thank you to the individuals and suppliers who generously donated items for the silent auction.

And a very special thank you to the Metro Theatre and the cast and crew of “Calendar Girls” for a most enjoyable performance.

Christmas Fair~ Dec. 9th

Donations Needed!



Our annual **Christmas Fair** will be held on **Saturday December 9th** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

We would appreciate donations of baked goods, jams/preserves and handcrafted items for this event. We are also seeking donations of gift cards and wine/spirits for our Christmas raffle baskets. Donations of baked goods will be accepted up to Friday December 8th and may be dropped off at the Activity Room. If you have any questions about the sale or would like to volunteer to help, contact Paloma in Recreation (Ext 124).

We look forward to seeing you at this event. Proceeds from this sale will help support our Family Council's various programs, initiatives and events.

December Events Calendar

“Light Up for Christ” – We begin our Advent journey with an evening of Scripture, prayer, hymns and the illumination of our courtyard on **Tuesday December 5th** at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Christmas Social & Tree Decorating – We will trim the tree in the Main Lounge on **Thursday December 7th** at 2:00 p.m. Music by **Lyndia Scott**.

Christmas Fair – Our annual Christmas sale featuring crafts, baked goods and raffle will be held **Saturday December 9th** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Family Night – Celebrate the holiday season and join us for an evening of music and fun on **Thursday December 14th** at 7:00 p.m. The **“Beauty Shop Dolls”** will be here to provide musical entertainment. Refreshments will be served in the Dining Room after the performance.

4th Floor Christmas Party – Family and friends are welcome to join us on **Thursday December 21st** at 2:30 p.m. for a holiday party with our special care residents. **Angie Ongaro** will provide the music and refreshments will also be served.

New Year's Eve & Birthday Party – Ring in the New Year and celebrate our December birthdays on **Thursday December 28th** at 2:45 p.m. in our Main Dining Room. **Lyndia** will be here to provide the musical entertainment.

Christmas Music Events

December 11th: Carol Singers 11:00 a.m. (4th Floor)

December 13th: Pianist Mathew Ma 2:00 p.m. (Main Floor)

December 18th: Carol Singers 2:00 p.m. (Main Floor)

December 20th: Harpist, Agnes Wan 2:00 p.m. (Main Floor)

December 24th: Singer, Bruce Coughlan 2:00 p.m. (4th Floor)





Christmas Lights

Thank you Volunteers!



A big "thank you" to those family and friends who have volunteered to help with installation of our outdoor Christmas lights display on November 18th. **Thank you for your assistance in turning our courtyard into a magical wonderland of light.**

And... as what goes up must inevitably come down, we are now seeking volunteers to help us take down the lights on **Saturday January 13th** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering, a sign-up sheet will be available at the Front Office during the month of December.

Gifts for Staff Policy



During the Christmas season residents and family often express a desire to give gifts to staff. In the past our staff have been made to feel special by sharing gifts such as fruit, chocolates, baking, or a donation to the Staff Fund. Cards & notes expressing your caring thoughts are a most valued gift that only you can give.

Our policy is that staff may not accept individual gifts from a resident or family member, however on special occasions such as Christmas if a family member feels strongly that they want to give an individual gift they may do so, provided the value of the gift does not exceed \$25 and the employee is comfortable accepting the gift (*the employee must inform their manager of any/all gifts received*). The purpose of this policy is to protect both residents and staff. If you would like further clarification regarding this policy, please contact our Director of Care, **Ricky Chau** (Ext 118).

Flu Season Is Here!

Flu season is now upon us and we need to take extra precautions to protect our residents.



Family & friends who have **NOT** received their flu vaccination are asked to wear a mask while they are in the building (*masks are available at the Front Reception desk*). Also, please be sure and use the hand sanitizers and/or wash your hands before and after each visit, and postpone any visits to Columbus Residence if you are experiencing flu symptoms.

Holiday Guest Meals

The holidays are always a popular time for guest meal requests however we are only able to accommodate a limited number of guests for any one meal (**this includes guests who plan to bring in a meal and only require table set up**). We recommend reserving **as soon as possible** for the following meals:

Christmas Eve Dinner, Christmas Day Lunch & Dinner, New Year's Eve Dinner and New Year's Day Lunch & Dinner

Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis until Friday December 15th or until we reach our maximum seating capacity - whichever comes first! If you plan to invite more than 3 guests, you will need to discuss your request in advance with our Food Services Manager, Linda Chiang (Ext 105). Our special holiday menus will be posted in our elevators and on our website in December.

Wishing you a beautiful Christmas season, and may God's blessings and grace continue to be upon us in 2018.



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