



*Season's Greetings
from Columbus Residence!*

December 2014

December Events Calendar

December is always a very eventful month at Columbus Residence and this year is no exception.

"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 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the service. **Please RSVP by Nov. 25th** if you plan on attending.

Christmas Tree Decorating – We will trim the tree in the Main Lounge on **Wednesday December 3rd** at 2:00 p.m.



Family Night – Celebrate the holiday season and join us for an evening of music and fun on **Thursday December 11th** at 7:00 p.m. *"Streetlite"* will be here to provide musical entertainment. Refreshments will be served in the Dining Room after the performance.

Christmas Social – Join us in the Main Lounge on **Wednesday December 17th** at 2:30 p.m. for a festive holiday party (and perhaps a visit from Santa!)

4th Floor Christmas Party – Family and friends are welcome to join us on **Thursday December 18th** at 2:00 p.m. for a holiday party with our special care residents. Lyndia will be providing musical entertainment and festive refreshments will also be served.

New Year's Eve Party – We will ring in the New Year at our New Year's Party on **Wednesday December 31st** at 2:45 p.m. in our Main Dining Room. Lyndia will be here to provide the music.

Christmas Craft & Bake Sale Nov. 29th



Our annual **Christmas Craft & Bake Sale** will be held on Saturday **November 29th** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Donations of baked goods or craft items will be accepted up to Friday Nov 28th and may be dropped off at the Activity Room. If you have any questions about the sale, Please contact Pam in Recreation (Ext 124).

Flu Season Precautions

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.

We are "Columbus Residence"

A reminder to all family and friends that our operating name is "Columbus **Residence**". We frequently receive cheques and correspondence made out to "Columbus House" or "Columbus Lodge", etc. this creates confusion and difficulties for us as there are other organizations that operate under these business names. We appreciate your attention to this detail. Thank you.

Christmas Lights

Thank you Volunteers!

A big "thank you" to our volunteer family and friends for their assistance with the installation of our outdoor Christmas light display on November 15th. **Thank you for helping to turn our courtyard into a magical wonderland of light.** And...as what goes up must eventually come down a date has now been set for taking down the lights. We will be looking for volunteers to help on **Saturday January 10th** 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

Our policy is that staff may not accept individual tips or gifts from residents or family members. However, on special occasions such as Christmas, if a resident or 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. For further clarification regarding this policy, please contact Ricky Chau (Ext 118).

If a resident or family member would like to make a donation in recognition of their appreciation to staff as a whole, they may make a donation to the Staff Fund.



Cars in Courtyard

Courtesy Reminder

As a courtesy to our residents and tenants, please remember to turn off your car's engine when waiting to drop off or pick up in our Front Courtyard.

Wishing you and your families a beautiful Christmas season, and may God's blessings and grace continue to be upon us in 2015.

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Resident Christmas Social Leaves

We would appreciate your help in providing us with information regarding any resident social leave plans over any part of the holiday season. Even if the absence is for only one meal, we appreciate having this information in advance for meal planning and the preparation of social leave medications. You may leave this information with one of the nurses on duty, or you may leave a message at our Front Office (Ext 100) and our office staff will pass this information onto the nurses and/or Kitchen.

Holiday Guest Meals

The holidays are always a popular time for guest meal requests however our limited dining space means we can only accommodate a limited number of guests for any one meal. We recommend reserving **as soon as possible** for the following meals:

Christmas Eve Dinner

Christmas Day Lunch & Dinner

New Year's Eve Dinner

New Year's Day Lunch & Dinner

Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis until Wednesday December 17th 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.



Visit our website:

www.columbusresidence.ca