## **COLUMBUS RESIDENCE NEWSLETTER**

"I love Spring anywhere, but if I could choose, I would always greet it in a garden." ~ Ruth Stout

# **March 2015**



# Save the Date!

#### St. Patrick's Day Party

Join us in the Main Dining Room at 2:45 pm on Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> for our St. Patrick's Day Party.

### Spring Tea 🞎

A special "**Spring Tea**" will be held on **Wednesday April 15**<sup>th</sup> in the Main Dining Room at 2:45 p.m.

# Volunteer Appreciation Tea

We will salute our volunteers at a special tea in on Thursday **April 23**<sup>rd</sup>. In the Main Dining Room at 2:45 p.m.

### Mother's Day Tea

Our **Mother's Day Tea** will be held on **Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>**. Family and friends are welcome to join us in the Main Dining Room at 2:45 p.m.

# **Holy Week Services**

Palm Sunday Mass: March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45 am

**Stations of the Cross:** Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00 am

Good Friday Service: April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 am

Holy Saturday April 4th: No Services

Easter Sunday Mass: April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45 am

# Fundraising Gala Dinner & Auction – Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>

Our Fundraising Gala Dinner & Auction, "Espana te Espera" (Spain Awaits) will be held on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme takes us to sunny Spain.



The evening features cocktails and silent auction, Spanish themed dinner and entertainment and an exciting live auction with guest auctioneer, Bill Vander Zalm.

Funds raised from this special evening will support our Pastoral Care, Physiotherapy and Music Therapy programs.

We are looking for donations of goods and services for our silent and live auctions. If you would like to donate, please contact our Administrative Coordinator, Holly Martin-Thompson (Ext: 103) <a href="mailto:hmartin@columbusresidence.ca">hmartin@columbusresidence.ca</a>

Ticket will be \$75 each (\$25 charitable receipt will be issued). More information will be posted soon. Mark your calendars!

# Online Donations Now Accepted

You can now go online to make your donations to Columbus Residence via <a href="https://www.CanadaHelps.org">www.CanadaHelps.org</a>

CanadaHelps is a non-profit organization serving Canadian charities and donors to make it easier to donate and fundraise online. Donors can use a credit card, Interac Online debit card, or PayPal to pay for their donation. A link to CanadaHelps is on our website.

Donors who prefer to mail in their donation may continue to do so. For more information about donating to Columbus Residence, visit the *DONATE* page of our website.



### **Spring Cleaning in April**

April is "Spring Cleaning" month at Columbus Residence. Extra housekeeping will be coming to work on selected dates to give resident rooms that extra sparkle.

Families can greatly assist us by removing unwanted items from resident rooms. Boxes and bins will be made available to put these items in. Clearing curios and ornaments from all table surfaces prior to cleaning will also be a big help.

Spring cleaning dates will be posted soon. If you would like more information about our "Spring Cleaning" program please contact Linda Chiang (Ext 105).

### **Family Council Meetings**

We encourage family and friends to become involved in our Family Council. It requires only a small amount of your volunteer time to make a big difference. Columbus Residence's Family Council meets monthly. If you would like to learn more about our Family Council, please contact our Recreation Department (Ext 124).

**Next Family Council Meetings:** March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.

### Family Resource Handbook

Did you know that Columbus Residence has a comprehensive handbook about living at Columbus Residence? This handbook is a resource to help answer any questions that may arise after admission and is available on our website (on About Us & FAQ pages of website).

"Easter is a promise God renews to us each spring.

May the promise of Easter fill your heart with peace and joy."

Happy Easter from everyone At Columbus Residence

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# News from Our Food Services Department

### Spring/Summer Menu Begins Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>

Our Spring & Summer menu cycle will begin on **Sunday March 29**<sup>th</sup> and will run through to early October. Our complete Spring/Summer & Fall/Winter menus (with dates) are posted on our website (click on the "Meals & Dining" link on the "About Us" page of the website).

### Easter Sunday & Mother's Day Special Dinners

A special dinner is planned for **Easter Sunday** (April 5<sup>th</sup>). The evening's menu will be: *Roast Turkey, Sage Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots & Strawberry Shortcake*. There is also a special dinner planned for **Mother's Day** (Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>). The evening's menu will be: *Chicken Breast with Mushroom Cream Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus & Lemon Cream Shortcake*. Guest meal tickets for these special dinners are \$15.00 each and include choice of red or white wine. Advance reservations are highly recommended for these dinners as guest seating space is very limited.

### **Large Group Catering Requests**

From time to time families request the use of a room and/or the assistance of our Food Services department for large group (6 or more guests) meals or coffee/tea service. We are happy to accommodate these events whenever we can but do request that family make advance arrangements directly with our Director of Support Services, Linda Chiang (Ext 105) <a href="mailto:lindac@columbusresidence.ca">lindac@columbusresidence.ca</a>

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