



Seasons Greetings

from Columbus Residence

Winter 2016

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 6th** at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the service. **Please RSVP by November 29th if you plan to attend.**

Christmas Social & Tree Decorating – We trim the tree in the Main Lounge on **Thursday December 8th** at 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Fair – Our annual Christmas sale will be held **Saturday December 10th** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Carol Singers – The **Season Singers** will be here to sing your favourite carols on **Monday December 12th** at 2:00 p.m. (*4th Floor*) and again on **Wednesday December 14th** at 4:00 p.m. (*Main Lounge*).

Family Night – Celebrate the holiday season and join us for an evening of music and fun on **Thursday December 15th** at 7:00 p.m. The **"Cool Yule Trio"** will be here to provide musical entertainment. Refreshments will be after the performance.

4th Floor Christmas Party – Family and friends are welcome to join us on **Thursday December 22nd** at 2:00 p.m. for a holiday party with our special care residents. **Lyndia** will be here to provide the music and refreshments will also be served.

New Year's & Birthday Party – Ring in the New Year and celebrate our December birthdays on **Thursday December 29th** at 2:45 p.m. in our Main Dining Room. **Greg Hampson** will be here to provide the musical entertainment.

Christmas Fair~ Dec. 10th

Donations Needed!



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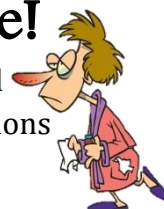
We would appreciate donations of baked goods, jams/preserves and handcrafted items for our sales tables. We are also seeking donations of gift cards and wine or spirits for our Christmas raffle baskets.

Donations of baked goods will be accepted up to Friday December 9th 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.

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.



Courtyard Christmas Lights

Thank you Volunteers!

A big "thank you" to those family and friends who helped with the installation of our outdoor Christmas lights display on November 19th. **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 14th** 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).

Our Accreditation Journey ~ 2017

Accreditation Canada accreditors will be at Columbus Residence March 20th to March 27th 2017 as part of completing the process of our achieving Accreditation standing in the healthcare industry. They will be meeting with staff, residents, families, volunteers and the Board of Directors during their visit. We anticipate that we will meet and exceed the Standards of the industry and look forward to celebrating with everyone after their visit!

Holiday Guest Meals

The holidays are always a popular time for guest meal requests however we are only 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 16th 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.



Help Decorate Our Tree

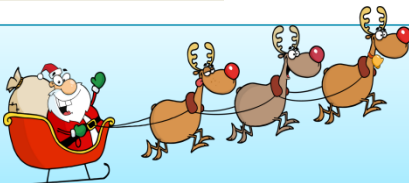
Later this month, we will begin decorating our *Seasonal Tree* for Christmas. This fundraising initiative aims to raise \$1000 to support our creative programs and miscellaneous expenses in the Recreation Department. Craft supplies, paint, photo development, decorations and membership fees for *Go Volunteer* and *Activity Connection* are just some of the extras that fall outside the department's budget. You can help by purchasing a decoration for the tree: **snowflake** (\$10), **ornament** (\$20), or **star** (\$50). We also need an angel! *We accept debit and credit cards.*



Wishing you and your families a beautiful Christmas season, and may God's blessings and grace continue to be upon us in 2017

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