



COLUMBUS RESIDENCE

Winter 2019/20

Winter Highlight Events

"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 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Tree Decorating – We trim the tree in the Main Lounge on **Thursday December 5th** at 2:00 p.m. **Lyndia Scott** will be here to provide the music.

Family Night – Celebrate the holiday season and join us for an evening of music and fun on **Thursday December 12th** at 7:00 p.m. The **"Blue Velvet Duo"** will be here to provide musical entertainment. Refreshments will be served.

4th Floor Christmas Party – Join us on **Thursday December 19th** at 2:30 p.m. for a holiday party with our special care residents. Music with **Angie Fait**.

New Year's Pub Party – Ring in the New Year on **Tuesday December 31st** at 2:45 p.m. **Lyndia** will be here to provide the musical entertainment.



Christmas Music Events

December 10th: Season Singers 11:00 a.m. (4th Floor)

December 11th: Harpist, Agnes Wan 11:00 a.m. (Main Floor)

December 18th: Pianist Mathew Ma 11:00 a.m. (Main Floor)

December 28th: Christmas Pub with Pete Campbell
3:00 p.m. (Main Floor)

Winter Café – Join us in the Dining Room for some music with **Lyndia** and some sweet treats on **Thursday January 16th** at 3:00 p.m.

Chinese New Year – We celebrate Chinese New Year with the **"Bright Sunset Chinese Dancers"** on **Wednesday January 29th** at 2:00 p.m.

St. Valentine's Tea – Join us for a special Valentine's Tea on **Thursday February 13th** at 2:45 p.m. **Lyndia** will be here to provide the music & song.

THANK YOU!

Charity Golf Tournament raises nearly \$42,000!

Our inaugural **Charity Golf Tournament** was held on **September 6th** and thanks to the generosity of many we raised nearly **\$42,000** – a fundraising event total never achieved before!

Your support has directly contributed to the continued enrichment of each resident's life through programs that enhance their physical, emotional, cognitive, spiritual and social well-being. Plans are already underway for next September's tournament.

We would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the 2019 Golf Tournament Committee and the many individuals and companies who sponsored this event and who generously donated items for the silent and live auctions.

Christmas Fair- Dec. 7th



Our annual **Christmas Fair** will be held on **Saturday December 7th** from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Donations Needed! We would appreciate 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. Baked goods will be accepted up to Friday December 6th and may be dropped off at the Activity Room. *For more information or to volunteer for this event, 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.

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 16th. **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 11th** 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 please 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 13th 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 Merry Christmas
and may blessings and grace
continue to be upon us in 2020.*

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