

COLUMBUS RESIDENCE

Winter 2022/23



December Highlight Events

Just in time for the holidays, we have been notified that the Ministry of Health's "Visitor Guidance for Long-Term Care and Seniors' Assisted Living" will soon be updated.

While we are still waiting for the written details, we are delighted to welcome friends and family back to join in our special Christmas events. **Please see our website for further details.**

"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 7:00pm

Tree Decorating – **Thursday December 8th** at 2:30pm

Christmas Celebration Music Show – In lieu of Family Night this year we will have a special Christmas Music Show on **Thursday December 15th** at 3:30pm with the music of **Leslie Mountenay & Ron Thompson** (with bass player). The show will be followed by a special dinner for the residents.

Egg Nog & Rum Pub Time – **Wednesday December 21st** It's "Pub Time" at 3:00pm, and our residents will enjoy a delicious egg nog!

4th Floor Christmas Party – **Thursday December 22nd** at 2:30pm Music provided by **Lyndia Scott**.

Rolling Hot Cocoa Cart – Christmas Eve afternoon (Dec 24th), residents on all floors will enjoy a special delivery mug of delicious hot cocoa & whipped cream!

Birthday/New Year's Party – We will celebrate December birthdays and ring in the New Year on **Thursday December 29th** at 2:45 pm with bubbly and music by **Nathen Aswell**

Christmas Music Events



December 5th: Pete Campbell (4th Floor)

December 12th: Carols with Katie & Rose Mary (Main Lounge & 4th Floor- different times)

December 19th: Lorraine Smith (4th Floor)

December 20th: Brian Zalo (Main Floor)



THANK YOU



Thanks to you, we have raised **\$11,033**



This Christmas we're grateful to **each and everyone of you** who helped to make our Splish Splash *Online Charity Auction* a success! Because of your support, we've been able to raise \$11,000 towards replacing our existing bathtubs.

We would also like to acknowledge at this time the hard work and dedication of our Board of Directors and the many individuals and companies who donated items for our online auction.

Our community has and continues to support the work being done at Columbus Residence. This past couple of years has put many challenges in our path and it is the support of our community that helps us make a difference in the quality of the lives of our residents.



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 17th. **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 3:00 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).**

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. This information may be left with one of the nurses or at our Front Office (Ext 100).

Holiday Meals

Our Food Services Department is already planning special meals for our residents to enjoy over the holidays. Special menus will be offered for the following meals:

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

Our special holiday menus will be posted in elevators and on our website in December.

Coming Events in January & February

Winter Café – Residents will enjoy sweet treats and music with **Lyndia** on **Thursday January 12th** at 3:00 p.m. on the Main Floor and **Thursday January 19th** at 2:30 pm on the 4th floor.

Chinese New Year – we will celebrate with a special Chinese take out lunch on **Tuesday January 24th**.

4th Floor Sweetheart Tea – a special tea will be served on Thursday **February 9th** at 2:30pm. **Music by Lyndia.**

St. Valentine's Tea – a special Valentine's Tea will be served on Thursday **February 16th** at 3:00pm. **Music by Lyndia**



Season's Greetings

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and may blessings and grace continue to be upon us in 2023.

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