

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT to the  
COLUMBUS LONG TERM CARE SOCIETY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON JUNE 25, 2025**

As Fundraising Committee Chair, I'm pleased to share the progress and highlights of our fundraising efforts over the past year.

This past December, we held a successful **Christmas Raffle** raising \$4,425 to support our **Spiritual Program**, a cornerstone of comfort, meaning, and connection for our residents. We coincided the raffle draw with our joyful Family Night celebration and the enthusiasm from residents, families, and staff was truly heartwarming. We're excited to build on this success by repeating the event again this year.

In addition to our seasonal raffle, we have recently launched a major **Capital Campaign** focused on the modernization of our elevators—a critical infrastructure upgrade for the care home. For our residents, elevators are not just mechanical conveniences; they are a **passport to freedom, connection, and dignity**. Without them, our seniors face isolation; with them, they regain access to the full life of the community.

The centerpiece of this Capital Campaign is our upcoming **Reach for the Stars Gala** on September 13th. This elegant and inspiring event will bring our community together in support of a vital cause. Funds raised through the gala will directly support the elevator modernization project, ensuring that our residents can continue to move freely, attend programs, visit with family, and participate in all that Columbus Residence has to offer.

We are grateful to everyone who has supported, and continues to support, our fundraising initiatives—whether buying raffle tickets, attending the Gala, donating, volunteering or simply cheering us on. Your generosity fuels not just our fundraising initiatives, but the spirit of compassion and community that defines Columbus Residence.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette C. Battle  
Chair, Fundraising Committee

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