

# HAPPENINGS AT HOME

Our Staff, Residents & Family Newsletter



## HIGHLIGHTS FOR JANUARY 2018

- New Year's Celebrations
- Day & Stay Program
- Reminder from Health & Safety
- Recreation News
- Volunteer News



Some of our volunteers started to celebrate the New Year's a little early. In our photo (left to right) are.....

Volunteers Maggie Dostal, Wendy Dresser, Art Stoffelsen and Barb Stoffelsen all who began to party at 10:10!!!

We hope everyone has a wonderful New Year!

All the Best in 2018!

*p.s. the residents had their party later in the day!*

## Day and Stay—January 2018



As we say farewell to 2017 we are happy to welcome in 2018! From all of us Happy New Year! January is filled with some wonderful “Theme Days”. Wayne Gretzky Day, Happy Birthday Elvis Day, and Croissant Day are filled with baking, trivia and games.

The Afternoon Program focuses a lot on Montessori Activities. Staffs are able to provide one to one guidance for those clients that need it and it also allows the clients who are able to work independently to focus on one task. We are fortunate to have a portable table that is filled with activities that can be enjoyed with a small group or independently. The Afternoon Programs have no time frame on them. If

clients are enjoying an activity then staff will continue with that activity until the

clients are ready to change programs. Staff takes cues from the clients and allows the clients the freedom to choose their Programs. Chair Yoga, Crafts, Working with Clay and Reading Group are some of the activities planned for the Afternoon Group.



A big shout out to our volunteers who come to us every week and help us with activities, visiting, working in the café, receptionist and just about anything we need them for. Your generosity does not go unnoticed!! Thank you very much.

And a special thanks to the 20 volunteers who came in on Christmas Day to help us get our residents to church!



If you have made your New Year's Resolution to give back to the community, then think about volunteering

with us! We are always in need of volunteers to assist with programs in the recreation department, assist the nursing staff with meal enhancement, or to work in our Skylight Café. We have very flexible hours and days, and will work to accommodate you! If you are interested or need more information please contact Janet Beachey at ext. 4241.

Resident Council News.....

In November 2017 nominations were held on all the resident home areas and the new 2018 council was selected. Congratulations to all our 2018 Resident Council Members. They will meet on Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 and at that time they will elect their executive. Members are:

- Margaret MacAskill
- Betty Proctor
- Eleanor Gecas
- Edna Horney
- Wes Rennie
- Kathy Varga
- Joan Mawhinney
- Dorothy Lockhart
- Donna Cutler
- John McDonald
- Alex Barclay
- Val Stap
- Earl Swanson



Thanks to Brantford's Home Depot and Anthony Beltrano for donating 2 decorated Christmas Trees to our home. Each year Home Depot takes their display trees to area long term care facilities or the hospital. Thank you for choosing us this year, we will display them proudly next year!

**REMINDER FROM HEALTH & SAFETY**

The home has a policy that we are a **scents free environment**. We would like to remind all staff, family members, visitors, volunteers and friends ways you can help us to adhere to our policy.....

- ✚ Refrain from wearing perfume or cologne into the home when you are here to visit, entertain, or volunteer with us.
- ✚ When purchasing items for your loved one try and make it scent free or low in scent.



**Recreation News**

Christmas season is now over however we will not be taking our decorations down until after the Epiphany which will be January 8th.

Thanks to all our wonderful "elves" that adopted residents for Christmas and purchased an extra special gift for them. In total we had 5 individuals/groups adopt 45 residents, we had 156 Mary Kay products donated for each of our residents, and we had 4 families/school classes write 156 Christmas cards to all of our residents. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we are very blessed to have you think of our residents at this time of the year.

In December we started a body wash campaign hoping to receive 156 body washes so we could give our entire residents one for Christmas, and with the generosity of our staff, family members, volunteers and community partners we received 331 in total. Thanks to everyone for the donations. The extra washes will be kept to give to our new residents and any residents who need one throughout the year.



## **Adopt a Noble Bear Success!**

Thank you to everyone who gave Noble Bear, a forever-home, this Christmas.

We are pleased to say, that every bear had a new home before the holidays began.

All funds raised will go towards Family Council initiatives for the Residents.



**The Skylight Café is looking for new volunteers.**

**If you are interested in working with seniors and have a morning or afternoon available, we need you!**

**Responsibilities includes: making coffee and serving, handling cash, keeping the café area clean and meeting public health standards. Training will be provided.**

**We have immediate need for a Thursday morning or afternoon shift to be filled.**

**If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Janet Beachey at 519-756-2920, Ext: 4241 or Jane at Ext: 4255**