

December 2025

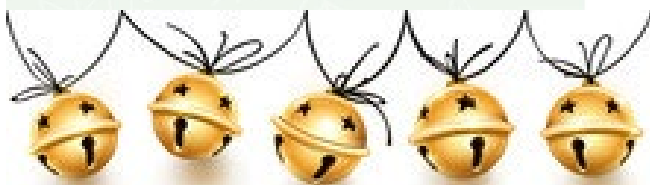
# HAPPENINGS AT HOME

Residents, Staff and Family




## *Celebrating December*

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# Safety Talk



## Cold and flu season is here!

### SAFETY TALK

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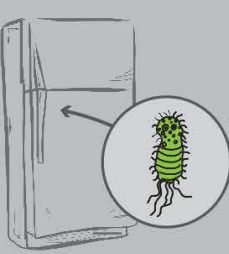
Please initial below:

## Where do you stand on the germaphobe scale?

### The BAD

HABITS

Someone with poor hygiene habits can spread germs to others via commonly touched surfaces



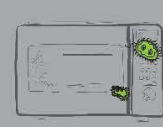
Breeding ground for illness causing **bacteria + viruses**

How do the hygiene habits of co-workers and others impact your health?

### The UGLY

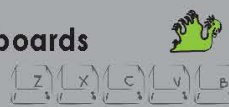
HOTSPOTS

The breakroom



Microwave door handles and sinks are the dirtiest surfaces touched by office workers on a daily basis

Keyboards



Buttons on water fountains and vending machines







20,951 germs per square inch

### The GOOD

PRACTICES

Practicing good hygiene can reduce average hot spot germ counts by **59%**

**To protect yourself + your co-workers:**

- 1 Speak Up**  
Ask management to stock up on supplies that break the chain of germ transmission, i.e. hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap, paper towels, and tissues  
  
Encourage your office to hold an in-house flu shot clinic to make it easy for workers to get vaccinated  

- 2 Lead by Example**  
  
Wash hands often  
  
Sneeze into your elbow  
  
Use disinfecting wipes to clean common surfaces  
  
If you're sick, stay home!
- 3 Wash, Wipe, Sanitize**  
This protocol reduces the probability of infection from colds and flu in the workplace by about **80%**  
The use of disinfecting wipes can reduce the number of surfaces contaminated by viruses by **62%**



# *CHRISTMAS MARKET*

The Annual Christmas Market was a success!

A big thank you goes out to all the Volunteers and Santa's Helpers who set up to raise funds for Residents' Council!









## ***A NOTE FROM THE LAUNDRY STAFF***

With Christmas fast approaching, we would like to give gift buyers some helpful tips!

Please bring in your gifts prior to Christmas for labeling to Reception. Indicate on a red labeling form that this is a Christmas gift and you would like it returned to you and not given to your loved one after being labeled. Clothing that is given to a Resident for Christmas, without being labeled often gets put in the Laundry and may not be returned to the Resident.

Note: Please include your phone number if you want the item returned to you.

1. When considering what to buy your loved one for Christmas, please remember we use commercial washing machines and dryers with commercial grade chemicals. Clothes that are washable can be maintained very well with this system.
2. Unfortunately, delicate clothing made from fine fabrics cannot be cleaned and ensure the integrity of the clothing is maintained. Wool items and clothes that require dry cleaning cannot be cleaned at all. We strongly urge Resident's loved ones not to bring in clothing to the Home that cannot be commercially washed.
3. If you are missing an item of clothing, please fill out a missing laundry form with the date that the item went missing and a description of the item as Laundry routinely has items that they cannot identify the owner.



**John Noble Home once again  
Will be sponsoring families  
For Christmas.**

**In November, Kim and  
Dennis will be starting  
our non-perishable food  
collection.**

**Information for families  
to be posted soon after.**

**Thank You for All**

**Your Support**

**Any monetary donations or  
Gift cards can be left at  
Reception for Kim Bannister  
or Dennis Kelly.**

**Family Information will be  
posted by the Fireplace on  
the main floor.**

**Please have any donations handed in  
no later than December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**We will be delivering to the families  
on December 18<sup>th</sup>  
Thank You**





## Day and Stay Program

The Day and Stay Program is ready for this festive time of year! On November the 21<sup>st</sup> we held our annual Christmas Bazaar, which raises funds for our program. Thanks to everyone who donated to the raffle and attended, we appreciate your support. We also had the opportunity to celebrate with our clients and caregivers at our annual Christmas Party which was held on November 30<sup>th</sup>. It is always a fun time to sing, dance and share in the holiday cheer with all who attend.



The December calendar is full of joyful programs that will bring out the holiday cheer in everyone at the Day and Stay Program. The clients will learn about the history of mistletoe and make their own to hang up at home on Mistletoe Monday. The group always gets a good laugh on Ugly Sweater Day where they design and model their ugly sweaters for a contest. The month will also be full of delightful smells of the season such as holiday baking and homemade meals. The sound of singing our favourite carols will fill the air in the centre as well as our group readings of the popular poem *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

Just a reminder to all of our clients and caregivers that the day and afternoon program will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. On behalf of all the staff at the program we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



## ***Body Wash Donations***

**We are collecting donations of unscented body wash for all residents this holiday season!**

**Our goal is: 156**

**Donations can be dropped off at Reception**

**Thank you!**





## *Volunteer Christmas Dinner*

Our Annual Christmas Volunteer Dinner was held Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup>, and the theme this year was Red and Green to celebrate the night.

We filled the night with a few games, lots of prizes and enjoyed an amazing meal made by our Nutrition Services Staff. Lots of laughs and fun was held by all!

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!









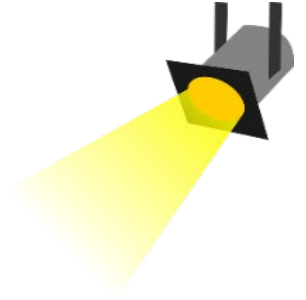
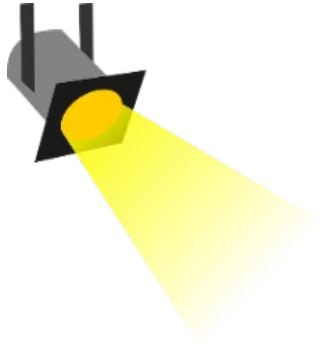






*Thank you to Rotary Brantford for their wonderful donation of poinsettias to the Home!*





## ***EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT***



Melissa was nominated by staff as the Employee Spotlight Winner for December. Melissa has worked at the Home for 15 years. Melissa started as a PSW, then bridged to an RPN and is now the IPAC Lead for the Home, keeping residents, staff and visitors safe and healthy. Staff applaud Melissa for her relentless work and dedication she brings to her role. Melissa's commitment to the Home is shown through her collaborative spirit and ongoing efforts to keep staff engaged in all things IPAC related. Melissa has an infectious laugh you are sure to hear around the Home.

Congratulations, Melissa!



## *Appreciation Post*

William (Bill) Grahlman, a resident of Davis Court, was presented with a Winter Jacket from “The Knights of Columbus”.

John David presented the jacket to Bill on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Bill had served 24 years in the Airforce, serving as an Instrumentation and Aviation Technician. He also served 7 years as an Air Cadet Commanding Officer with 735 Squadron.

John David visited our Home to present Bill with his jacket. John David was also in the 735 Squadron for 20 years.

