

St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation

Newsletter



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50th Anniversary Gift



Rita Janes (left), Chair of the Foundation Board and **Bren Paul**, Vice-chair, present a cheque for \$120,000 to **Gus Bruce** (right), Board Chair of St. Patrick's Mercy Home, and **Sister Helen Harding**, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Mercy, to mark the 50th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Mercy Home and to contribute to the purchase of bathing systems for the Home.

VOCM Cares Foundation Donates Bathing System

In response to our 50th Anniversary Appeal for funding the **VOCM Cares Foundation** generously donated the monies (\$40,000) to purchase a Bathing System for the residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home.

Thank you VOCM Cares for your support!

This tub will be installed before Christmas on the First Floor.

Tree of Joy

Again this Christmas Season you will have the opportunity to celebrate a resident, friend or loved one by having their names hand-painted on a Christmas Ornament and hanging it on our Tree of Joy. Ornaments cost \$10 each and will be available the last week of November at the Foundation Office on the 1st Floor.

The tree will be in the entrance way over the Christmas Season for all to see and admire. After Christmas you can take the ornament as a memory.

Please join us on **Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel** for the **Blessing of the Tree of Joy**. This will be followed by a reception in the Red Rose Café.

Visit our Website at www.spmhf.nl.ca

Appreciation Window

On November 12th, **Archbishop Martin Currie** participated in the dedication and blessing of the newly installed Appreciation Window in the main entrance foyer of the Home.

The Window recognizes the many supporters who so generously give of their time, talent, and treasure to greatly enhance the lives of our residents.

The Foundation Board extends its thanks to the Donor Recognition Committee chaired by **Sister Maura Mason** and committee members, **Elizabeth Collins, Nick Kelly, Alice Seviour** and **Jim Byrne** who chose such a beautiful "stain glass overlay" window.



David Pye of SGO Designer Glass designed the window; the frame for the window built and installed by **Willie Gill**, Eastern Health Maintenance Division and the bookstand by **Ray Hurley**, a former teacher at St Francis of Assisi School. **Thank you!**

We are also grateful for the financial support given by **Exxon Mobil** to this project.

The Window depicts the logo of St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation, the message of appreciation to our supporters, and the quote from Mother Teresa of Calcutta: "*It is not how much we give but how much love we put in the giving*". The Window, bordered by roses, is a sign of the love and affection we have for our supporters for all they do for the residents at St. Patrick's.

New Ceiling Lifts

In September 2008 the Foundation was pleased to purchase two new ceiling lifts designed to assist our residents in and out of bed.

These lifts were installed on One South and Three South

50th Anniversary Appeal

Thank you to the friends and families of the residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home and businesses in the community for their generous response to the 50th Anniversary Appeal. Your generosity allows the Foundation to present to

the residents and staff of the Home six state-of-the-art bathing systems. These new bathers will greatly add to the comfort of our residents, while improving on safety and easing the physical burden on staff. Two of these bathing systems will be installed before Christmas.

Continue to support the Appeal and we will have a new bathing system on each nursing unit of each floor of the Home. Every resident will have access to one of these new bathing systems.

With your support we can succeed!

In Loving Memory

We gratefully acknowledge donations to St. Patrick's Mercy Home since April 2008 *in loving memory of:*

<i>Aletha Cuff</i>	<i>Anna Marie Dicks</i>
<i>Betty Kavanagh</i>	<i>Carmel Mahoney</i>
<i>Doris Jamieson</i>	<i>Dorothy Lake</i>
<i>Elizabeth Abbott</i>	<i>Ethel Critch</i>
<i>George Brown</i>	<i>Gertrude Morrissey</i>
<i>Gus Rideout</i>	<i>Isabel Galway</i>
<i>Katherine Strong</i>	<i>Margaret Hagerty</i>
<i>Margaret Kelly</i>	<i>Marie Perchard</i>
<i>Mary Bridget Daley</i>	<i>Mary Geehan</i>
<i>Mary McGrath</i>	<i>Mary Sutton</i>
<i>Mary Woodford</i>	<i>Mildred Fagan</i>
<i>Rita Power</i>	<i>Sarah Stoyles</i>
<i>Winnifred Fowler</i>	<i>William Andrews</i>

May they rest in peace!

Christmas Gifts

Again this year we are delighted to present residents with a very personal gift embroidered with the resident's name. Thank you to **Kathy Turner** and **Jeannette Nagle** who choose these beautiful gifts and make arrangements for their distribution by Santa on Christmas Eve.

Santa's Christmas Elves - 07



As Santa brings gifts to all the residents on Christmas Eve, residents are serenaded by **Sr. Mary Kelly**, Pastoral Care; **Barry Penton**, Recreation Department; **Alice Seviour**, Foundation Board; **Rose Power**, Music Therapist; **Maggie McCarthy** and **Trinity Anne Janes**, Grand-niece and Grand-daughter of Foundation Chair, Rita Janes.

How Can I Make a Donation to the 50th Anniversary Appeal?

You can contribute to the 50th Anniversary Appeal by bringing your donation to the Foundation Office on the first floor or by sending it to

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Please make cheques payable to:
St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation.

A Special Christmas Gift

Wondering what to give that special someone for Christmas?

Why not make a donation to the 50th Anniversary Appeal in their name. We will make a special Christmas card and send it to them and issue you a tax receipt for the amount of the donation.

Drop by or call the Foundation Office for details.

10th Anniversary

November marks the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of the St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation by the Sisters of Mercy. To mark the occasion and to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Mercy Home the Foundation presented an Appreciation Window to the Home. (See story above)

The Window is also in gratitude to the many supporters, –past, present and future–, who so generously give of their time, talent, and treasure to greatly enhance the lives of our residents.

The Foundation's mission is to support the on-going efforts of St. Patrick's Mercy Home *to provide a comfortable and home-like atmosphere for all of its residents.*

A dedicated, volunteer Board of Directors manages the Foundation, which has a part-time staff person.

The **Foundation Office** is located on the First Floor and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday. The Office is closed on Fridays.

Why not make St Patrick's Mercy Home *~Your Charity of Choice~*

Creating a Home away from Home!