

# St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation

## NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2011

### Chair Rita Thanks Volunteers

During National Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 10-16), Rita Janes, Chair of the Board of Directors of St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation, took the opportunity to thank each and every volunteer of St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation, Board and Committee members, for their dedication and contribution to the mission of the Foundation which in turn supports the efforts of St. Patrick's Mercy Home for its residents.

In her letter she stated, "All our volunteers, both current and past, can be justly proud of our efforts and accomplishments over the years - all for the support and benefit of the residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home.

The theme for National Volunteer Appreciation Week is "*Volunteers: Passion. Action. Impact.*" This theme aptly applies and describes the devoted volunteers of St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation, especially when you consider what the Foundation has been able to do over the years for the benefit of residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home.

Since the Foundation was established by the Sisters of Mercy in November 1998, we have contributed (to the end of March 2011) \$640,000 to St. Patrick Mercy Home for such items as:

- Wheelchair accessible bus
- State of the art Bathing Systems
- Modern electric beds
- Privacy Screens
- Hot meal food distribution System
- Overhead electric lifts
- Drapes for Stage in Auditorium
- Recumbent Cross Trainer
- Chapel Organ
- Renovations to Chapel
- Annual Christmas Gifts for Residents

It has been through the *Passion* and *Action* of volunteers like you that we have been able to make this *Impact!*

A sincere and personal Thank You for all you do for the residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home."

Rita

### Office Numbers Changed

The Foundation Office Number is now

Telephone: (709) 752 - 8745

Fax: (709) 752 - 8717

### Upcoming Events

in Support of St. Patrick's Mercy Home

**June 29, 2011**

Dinner & Show - ABBA

Gotta Get the Scoop!

Spirit of Newfoundland Production

Masonic Temple

Tickets \$65.00

**September 22, 2011**

Emerald Auction & Dinner

Holiday Inn

Please mark your calendar and support the residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home by attending or making a donation.

For more information please contact the Foundation Office on the First Floor or call Jim at 752-8745

## In Loving Memory

We gratefully acknowledge donations made since January 2011 to St. Patrick's Mercy Home in loving memory of:

Harold Ralph Dale	Genevieve Gladney
Jean Hibbs-Walsh	Edward James Ryan
Rose Thorburn	Dorothy Carol Anonsen
Imelda M. Lawlor	William F. Hennessey
Patrick Congdon	Sarah Mercedes Sellars
Mary Ellen Bennett	Edward Dawe
Mary Florence Penney	Reta Elliott
Terence(Teddy) Greene	

## About the Foundation

The Sisters of Mercy established St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation in November 1998. The Foundation's mission is *to support financially the on-going efforts of St. Patrick's Mercy Home to provide a safe and comfortable home for its residents.* A dedicated, volunteer Board of Directors manages the Foundation, which has a part-time staff person.

## Committees of the Board

The Board is supported by four very active committees: **Finance, Fund Raising, Donor Recognition, and Planned Giving.**

### Committee Mandates

**Finance Committee** provides guidance to the Foundation Board on investments, budgets and annual audit and over sees the day-to-day financial transactions of the Foundation.

**Fundraising Committee** raises funds used by the Foundation in support of the residents of the Home. It usually has two major fundraisers a year: Dinner Theatre and Emerald Auction & Dinner.

**Donor Recognition Committee** ensures all donations and donors to St. Patrick's Mercy Home are recognized in a timely and appropriate manner in accordance with the Donor Recognition Program.

**Planned Giving Committee** provides advice and guidance to all those interested in leaving a gift to St. Patrick's Mercy Home as part of their will or estate plan. Planned Giving will not impact your current financial circumstances but is the promise of a gift in the future.

## Did you Know?

The current, longest staying resident at St. Patrick's Mercy Home is **Veronica Mills**. Veronica is from St. John's and came to St. Patrick's on November 29, 1990. Congratulations Veronica!

Since we put a counter on our website in March 2008 we have had 7100 hits.

## Do you Know?

The name and age of the oldest resident at St. Patrick's Mercy Home?

## Helping Hands

We are always looking for helping hands! To volunteer to serve on the Board or any of the Committees or to generally help out, call Rita Janes, Board Chair at 722 - 3860 or email [ritajanes@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:ritajanes@nf.sympatico.ca).

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.

## You can now donate Online

Donations in support of St. Patrick's Mercy Home can now be made online by using the secure website offered by [CandaHelps.org](http://CandaHelps.org). All you have to do is go to the Foundation's website and click on Contributions and the icon



then follow the instruction on this secure website.

Your donation is acknowledged and a tax receipt issued immediately. The Foundation is advised of your donation, which is then deposited in the Foundation's bank account.

Visit our website!

<http://www.spmhf.nl.ca>