

St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation Newsletter Fall 2017

60th Anniversary Celebrations

The committee is busy making plans for the 60th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Mercy Home in January of 2018. A year of activities is being planned. Details will be announced as they are finalized. If you are interested in volunteering with the committee, contact Joyce Penney at the Red Rose Café or the Foundation Office.

Variety Show

St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation in partnership with the Recreation Therapy and Music Therapy departments organized a Variety Show on April 20th. The show was a tremendous success with staff, residents and supporters performing skits, musical numbers, and recitations. Pictured below is the St. Patrick's Mercy Home House Band providing background music for a skit performed by residents Mary Kiss and May Sears.



Surf or Turf

Our 2nd Annual Surf or Turf was a very popular event with over 170 people in attendance. Entertainment was provided by Jim Payne and Fergus O'Byrne. The food and entertainment was enjoyed by all. Fourteen residents attended this event.



New Sound System for St. Patrick's Mercy Home Chapel

The new sound system has been installed in the Chapel. Feedback from residents, family members and pastoral care has been extremely positive, with everyone enjoying the enhanced sound system and the various assistive-hearing devices provided. I am certain our various performers will appreciate the enhanced features as well.

?Trivia?

What kind of flower grows on your face?
Tulips☺

Bill: "My uncle can play the piano by ear."
Tom: "That's nothing. My uncle fiddles with his whiskers."

"Dad, can you help me find the lowest common denominator?" "Don't tell me they haven't found it yet! I remember looking for it too."

Gardening Program for Residents'

The Foundation was pleased to support our Garden Therapy programs again this year. Each year our intent is to add new features to the program. This year provided residents the opportunity to plant vegetables, in addition to our existing "Sensory Garden" and Hydroponics garden. Tremendous shout-out to our staff, family members and volunteers for the fantastic job of refurbishing the Mercedes Marshall Garden. Pictured below are Irene and Henry Butler with our summer student, Ian Verge.



Resident Artists



St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation is thrilled to support our resident artists program under the guidance of Recreation Therapy Department. Our residents are once again in the process of creating Christmas Cards. We will be offering our resident-crafted Christmas Cards for sale prior to the Christmas season. If you are interested in purchasing these Christmas Cards, please contact Recreation Therapy or the Foundation office.

Upcoming Events in Support of St. Patrick's Mercy Home

November 1, 2017 - Dinner Theater & Silent Auction - Spirit of Newfoundland - Masonic Temple

This is an annual event for the Foundation and its success is a result of the tremendous support we receive from residents' family members and friends, as well as the fabulous support we receive from the community and staff of St. Patrick's Mercy Home. Again this year we will bring a number of our residents to this event to allow them to share in the enjoyment of the evening.

This year's show is a new production titled "*The Young and the Rest of Us*". I am certain it will be an extraordinary event with a delicious three course meal provided.

January 1, 2018 - 60th Anniversary Celebrations

This upcoming year, 2018, marks the 60th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Mercy Home. Each month there will be at least one event to help us celebrate this momentous occasion. Please join our residents, staff, volunteers and supporters by partaking in our events. Watch for details and announcements in the near future.

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead." - Nelson Mandela

Third Floor Family Suite

Renovations are currently underway to create a "Family Suite" on the third floor of St. Patrick's Mercy Home. The intent is to make the suite available to family members when their loved ones are in palliative care. When residents are in palliative care, we understand the stress families endure during this unfortunate time, and our objective is to provide them with an appropriate place and privacy to help them in their time of need.

When the "Family Suite" is not required for families with loved ones in palliative care, the suite will be available to residents and their families to provide an area in the home for privacy and personal comfort. We understand the demands on the physical space within St. Patrick's Mercy Home and we believe this will provide an additional resource of which our residents and families can avail.

Over \$1,000,000 Contributed

To date St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation has contributed \$ **1,148,691.26** to the residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home. These contributions have included, but not limited to:

- Wheel Chair Bus
- Palliative Care Rooms
- Third Floor Lounge
- Multiple Ceiling Lifts
- New Furnishing for all Floors
- Christmas Gifts for all Residents

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.



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