

St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation

Newsletter

Fall 2020

The Grand Parade



On September 3, 2020, residents and staff participated in the Grand Parade fundraiser by parading around St. Patrick's Mercy Home. The residents were elated to finally get outside and partake in some recreational activity. Normally residents are the focus of our fundraisers and we are always so happy to have them partake in our events. Whether it is the residents attending the Spirit of Nfld. Dinner Theatres, Our Surf and Turf events, our Variety Shows or other activities, they are always the stimulus for everything we do here at St. Patrick's Mercy Home.

Foundation Activities

St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation currently has two active campaigns; (1) **Give Us A Lift** – this campaign was created with the goal of installing overhead ceiling lifts to provide residents with safe and easy transfer throughout their rooms, while easing the heavy physical burden on our staff. This campaign is approximately 90% completed, and we are working with Eastern Health to complete the installation of ceiling lifts in the remaining resident rooms. Our second campaign (2) **Help Us to Make the Home a Home** – this campaign was created to enhance St. Patrick's Mercy Home's ability to meet the important needs of our residents. In recent years, the priority has been to provide funding to improve the furniture and room amenities that affect residents' daily living and comfort. We are proud to have provided

furniture and fixtures to modernize the main lobby, the Killarney Tea Room, 3rd Floor Dementia Lounge, Padre Lounge, Recreation Therapy kitchen and common area, 3rd Floor Family Suite, Palliative Care rooms, Closet Coverings for each room, Draperies, and Smart TV's for all common areas. We believe these purchases have improved living conditions for our residents and their families. In addition, these additions have improved working conditions for our staff. One of our main goals is to enhance the living and working conditions at St. Patrick's Mercy Home. Whether it is through purchases such as these, or through past contributions, we will continue on the journey to continually improve our Home. We hope everyone will avail of the modernizations and offer suggestions on other ways we can strive to improve our home here at St. Pat's. Below are pictures of the recently renovated Killarney Tea Room and one of the Smart TV's.



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The Smart TV's have been a "hit" with our residents. Through You Tube they can access their favourite music and listen to it at their convenience. In addition, it has been great for providing activities for the residents. They have been playing interactive games such as "Wheel of Fortune" and Trivia, as well as watching movies of their choice.

The Killarney Tea Room has been utilized by residents and their families for private gatherings, birthday celebrations, or as a location to have lunch together. We have also used the area for our "Fish and Chips" dinners provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Presently we are partnering with St. Patrick's Mercy Home to purchase chairs for resident rooms. These chairs will provide comfort for visiting family members when they visit their loved ones.

Humour Corner

One eye to the other: "Between you and me, something smells."

You can tell a child is growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

Joe: "That doesn't look much like a police dog."
Moe: "Of course not. He's undercover."

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

September 23, 2021 -Golf Tournament

We are hosting a golf tournament at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. Come join us for a wonderful day of golf, food, and fun. Prizes to be won! To enter a team call 752-8745 or drop by the Foundation Office on First Floor. We had to cancel this year's tournament due to the COVID 19 pandemic and are anxious to get back on the links.

November 4, 2021 (Tentative) - Dinner Theater & Silent Auction - Spirit of Newfoundland - Masonic Temple

This will be our 20th performance in partnership with Spirit of Nfld. An annual event for the Foundation and its success is a result of the tremendous support we receive from our residents' family members and friends, as well as the fabulous support we receive from the community and staff of St. Patrick's Mercy Home.

"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

About The Foundation

St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation was established by the Sisters of Mercy in 1998. The Foundation was created to support the on-going efforts of St. Patrick's Mercy Home in providing a comfortable and home-like atmosphere for its residents. The Foundation is run by a dedicated Board of Directors, and currently has one part time staff person.

Over \$1,000,000 Contributed

To date St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation has contributed \$ **1,290,275.46** to improve the quality of life for the residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home. These contributions have included, but are not limited to:

- Wheel Chair Bus
- Palliative Care Rooms
- Physiotherapy Equipment
- Bathing Systems
- Third Floor Family Suite
- Multiple Ceiling Lifts
- New Furnishing for all Floors
- Christmas Gifts for all Residents

We are always looking for helping hands!!

To volunteer to serve on the Board or any of the committees, call Chris Peddigrew, Board Chair at 752-8745 or email chris@wphlaw.ca.

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 CanadaHelps.org.



Visit our website!

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

Why not make St Patrick's Mercy Home

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Creating a Home away from Home!