

St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation

Newsletter

Spring 2021

Closet Coverings and Valances



St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation was thrilled to support the purchase of closet coverings and valances for all resident rooms. Many of the closet doors in resident rooms were not repairable and desperately needed replacement. The coverings and valances (pictured above) adhere to all health requirements and are a welcome addition to resident rooms. SPMH Foundation values initiatives such as this one, as it fulfills all the requirements of our campaign to improve the lives of our residents and endeavour to make SPMH their "home away from home". The Foundation is always appreciative of suggestions brought forward by family members, staff, and residents to improve living conditions here at SPMH.

Humour Corner

A man walked into a military surplus store and asked if they had camouflage pants. "Yes", the clerk replied, "but we can't find them!"

"Bags of mystery" is slang for what food item? – Sausage

Salesman: "Try this new watch. You can swim, water ski, snorkel, or scuba dive with it on."

Customer: "That's great! I can't do any of those things now."

Chairs for Resident Rooms

Another project brought to the attention of the Foundation was the need for chairs in our residents' rooms. During COVID, visitation rules and regulations changed and family members frequently found themselves visiting for longer periods of time with their loved ones. As a result, there was a need for seating to allow visitors to sit and relax while spending valuable time in the company of their family and friends. Given the different dimensions of many resident rooms, and again adhering to strict health and safety guidelines, a chair design was selected to meet these changing needs. The benefits of the purchase were immediately recognized and visitors were pleased to be able to rest during their visitations. Again, this initiative conveniently fell within our campaign to - **Make the Home a Home.**



We believe these purchases have improved living conditions for our residents and their families. In addition, these accompaniments 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.

This coming year we plan to purchase adjustable tables for our dining areas to accommodate the needs of our residents. In addition, we plan to purchase a new Bingo machine and add additional technology to improve delivery of our programs.

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

September 18, 2021 - Grand Parade

This is our second year participating in this fundraising event. Last year we had a number of residents and staff participate in the event and we hope to have more participants this coming year. If COVID restrictions permit, we plan to have a number of activities during the day for our residents and their families. Prizes to be won!!! To enter a team call 752-8745 or drop by the Foundation Office on First Floor.

Below is a picture of residents and staff participating in last year's event.



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

Student Summer Position

St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation will be hiring a student for an 8 week duration during the period June 15th to August 15, 2021 (dates are subject to change). The successful applicant will assist with our Garden Therapy program as well as other duties assigned by the Foundation Office. Applicants can contact Gerard Morris at 752-8745 or email Gerard.morris@easternhealth.ca

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 \$ **1,349,294.08** 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 CandaHelps.org.



Visit our website!

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

Why not make St Patrick's Mercy Home

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