

# *St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation*

## **Newsletter**

### **Fall 2023**

#### **Donation from Tobin and Connors Families**

The residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home were the fortunate recipients of a large financial donation on behalf of the late Elaine Tobin. Darryl Rogers and Jimmy Rogers, cousins of Elaine, representing both the Tobin and Connors families, visited St. Patrick's Mercy Home to make the presentation in memory of their families. Darryl and Jimmy both recounted how Elaine held St. Patrick's Mercy Home in highest regard with respect to the quality of care provided to its residents by staff and volunteers at SPMH. They also spoke of their wonderful relationship with Father John Maddigan, former Chaplain at SPMH, for his dedication and hard work to improve the livelihood of citizens of their home community. On behalf of their families, they felt privileged and proud to be able to fulfill her wishes and provide this financial donation for the residents of SPMH. Pictured below: (l to r Darryl Rogers, Gerard Morris SPMHF, Jimmy Rogers)



Without the generosity of our supporters, we would not be able to provide our residents with the level of support they need to ensure their safety and comfort. SPMHF would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our benefactors for their collaboration and unrelenting Patronage.

## **THANK YOU !!!!!**

*“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*

#### **Donation from Van Nostrand Family**

In June of this year, SPMHF received a donation from the Van Nostrand family of a Nustep T4r Recumbent Cross Trainer with a value of approximately \$7000. The equipment has been installed in the Physiotherapy department and it has received continual use from our residents. Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy staff have appreciated the new equipment as a welcome addition to their existing suite of exercise apparatuses currently available for residents to avail to improve their health and well-being.

Edward (Ted) Van Nostrand acknowledged that St. Patrick's Mercy Home was always front of mind when it came time to donate the cross trainer.

Ted stated – “St. Patrick's was very good to my mother and very supportive of our family”.

Pictured below (Donation of cross-trainer from Van Nostrand family)



Many instances we receive donations at St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation as a result of the tremendous care our employees provide to our residents and their families. This represents another example of quality care provided to residents, and recognition by family members. A special “shout-out” to all staff!!

## **“Way To Go !!!!!”**

***Creating a Home away from Home!***

## SPMHF Golf Tournament

On September 21, 2023 St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation held its annual golf tournament at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. The tournament serves as a major fundraiser for the Foundation and this year proceeds from the tournament were used to assist with renovating both of our Palliative Care suites with the addition of ceiling lifts and cuddle beds. These improvements will enhance the quality of care we provide for our residents' and their loved ones. The golf tournament also provides an opportunity for SPMH and SPMHF to engage with our community supporters and thank them for their patronage which allows the Foundation to provide significant enrichment to the daily lives of our residents.

Some of our major sponsors for this year's event were:

Platinum Sponsor - Martek  
Gold Sponsor - JAC HR  
Silver Sponsor - Johnson Controls

We were also proud to have Collingwood Spirits as our "Prize Sponsor", EC Boone as our "Signage Sponsor", and Molson as our "Refreshment Sponsor".

In addition, the tournament provides an opportunity for employees of SPMH to participate in a day of camaraderie and fun with their co-workers. When we hosted our first tournament in 2019, we were fortunate to have one of our community partners sponsor two staff teams to participate in the tournament. The feedback from staff was extremely positive with many staff eagerly planning to participate in the following year's tournament. Since that initial tournament we have been privileged to have additional community supporters sponsor additional staff teams as a way to recognize the tremendous work our employees perform each and every day. From our initial tournament with 2 teams and 10 employees participating, we have grown to 6 teams and 30 employees participating. Moreover, we have employees volunteering during the event to provide refreshments and assistance to all our participants. In total this year, we had over 40 employees participating in the event.

Opportunities for workers to engage in a day of activities outside the workplace is beneficial to overall morale and satisfaction and can create many positive outcomes. A special **thank you** to the Sisters of Mercy for their continued sponsorship of our staff teams. The Sisters value the hard work and dedication of our employees here at SPMH, and are always there to support our workers in any way possible. The day can be characterized as a win-win situation, funds were raised to assist with improving the quality of life for our residents, and staff were engaged in a day of camaraderie and enjoyment. Hopefully next year we will witness increased staff involvement and additional positive outcomes.



## 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 \$1,500,000 Contributed

To date St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation has contributed \$ 1,542,227.27 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

## 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).



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

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