



# DURHAM CHRISTIAN HOMES

SENIORS' HOUSING, ASSISTED LIVING AND LONG TERM CARE

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Membership Newsletter

*"To God be the Glory"*

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## Update from the Board

Fall temperatures are just around the corner! Despite vacation schedules, the Board and its committees have continued to work diligently on priority projects and future plans for the organization over the summer months.

One of the Board's major focuses over the past few months has included making difficult decisions which will improve the financial future of Glen Hill Marnwood and Glen Hill Strathaven.

The recent notice of closure of Glen Hill Strathaven's Retirement Home was one such decision. This closure, effective the end of 2013 affects only the retirement section of Glen Hill Strathaven (22 residents/16 staff) and has no effect on the 184 Long-Term Care, 11 interim Long-Term Care and 15 Convalescent Care beds at the home. This decision was communicated to staff, residents and families on August 1, 2013 and resulted in local press coverage. Leadership has and will continue to work closely with existing residents and families to help them find alternate accommodations over the next several months and the Board will be exploring all possible options for the future use of the vacated retirement space at G.H. Strathaven.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to assure those members who invested funds in 2010 to assist in the purchase of the Bowmanville facilities that your investments are secure and that the recent decision to close the retirement section at Glen Hill Strathaven was necessary to improve the overall financial future of Glen Hill Terrace. In closing the retirement section, we will improve our financial position and ensure that additional capital funds will be available in the future, enabling us to move forward with plans for Glen Hill Terrace in Whitby should the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care announce new funding for redevelopment. The Board and its committees remain focused and vigilant in our efforts to bring our long-term plans to fruition.

Finally, the search for a new Executive Director continues. Although a number of resumes were received from qualified candidates at the end of June and several people were interviewed, the two candidates approved by the Board declined offers for a variety of reasons. Although the Board was disappointed, we trust that the Lord will provide the right candidate at the right time. We continue to trust in Him and covet your prayers during this challenging time. On behalf of the Board,

  
Simon Muizelaar, Chairman 

## Continuous Learning Centre a Hit!



The new Continuous Learning Centre was completed on May 31, 2013. This new esthetically pleasing space houses a new computer lab and new shelving to accommodate our relocated Library of books!

The construction of this new space was made possible by a grant from the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program.

An official ribbon cutting celebration for the new 'Continuous Learning Centre' will be held Friday, Sept. 27th with Mayor Pat Perkins, MPP Christine Elliott and Nancy Shaw, on behalf of MP Jim Flaherty's office on site to help celebrate!

As of September the Grade 7/8 students from Immanuel Christian School have been coming Tuesday mornings for an hour each week to assist our residents with using the new computers! Residents are learning things like: how to use e-mail, how to attach, send and receive pictures on e-mail, how to surf the internet or download music and much more. It's a wonderful sharing experience for both!

### Our Mission:

Guided by our Christian principles, Durham Christian Homes enriches the lives of the residents we serve and those who serve them in seniors' housing, assisted living and long-term care.

### Our Vision:

Durham Christian Homes will be an increasingly important presence in the communities we serve, celebrated for our vibrant continuum of residences, innovative services and partnerships.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Trip to St. Jacobs

Sat., Oct. 5

7:55 am Whitby Bus Departs

#### De Emigrant - Friesian Play Live Performance

Thur., Oct. 10 @ 7:00 pm

#### Dutch Language Sing-a-Long

Thur., Oct. 17 @ 3:00 pm

#### New Horizons For Seniors Program at Redeemer University College

Tues., Oct. 22

7:00 am Whitby Bus Departs

#### Christian Festival Concert at Roy Thomson Hall

Fri., Oct. 25

4:20 pm Whitby Bus Departs

#### Fall Bazaar

Sat., Nov. 2

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### Gate 3:16 Fundraising Dinner & Performance by Laurie Atkins as Mary: Mother of Jesus

Sat., Nov. 9 @ 5:30 pm

#### Remembrance Day Service with Contact Mariniers- Royal Netherlands Marine Corps Veterans

Mon., Nov. 11 @ 10:30 am

#### Mattaniah Christian Male Choir

Fri., Nov. 15 @ 8:00 pm

#### Fashion Show

with Alia N Tan Jay

Tues., Nov. 19 @ 7:00 pm

#### Christmas Bazaar at Glen Hill Strathaven

264 King St. E., Bowmanville

Sat., Nov. 23 ~ 1 pm - 4 pm

## Duca Financial Services Donates Piano & Durham Christian Homes Celebrates First Concert



During Coffee Social, on June 26th of this year, the President and CEO of Duca Financial Services Credit Union, Richard Senechal stopped by to formally donate the funds for the purchase of a new Baby Grand Piano for Durham Christian Homes. The new piano was delivered the end of August and a formal Piano Dedication Concert to celebrate the new instrument was held on **Tuesday, September 24 at 7:30 pm**. Local pianist and organist, Ashton McMaster, who acted as an adviser to our resident *Piano Search Committee* came to formally christen the piano by playing a variety of classical and informal pieces and some light hearted music and hymns for the residents to sing-a-long to. Resident, Kay Hayes also participated by playing a few musical pieces and will enjoy using this new instrument as she plays piano for on-going Friday morning Hymn Sings at Durham Christian Homes. Various board members and employees of Duca Financial Services, including CEO, Richard Senechal were also present at the concert to enjoy the piano's musical delights. A plaque reading "Let the Music Play On" was officially placed on the new piano as donated by DUCA. Everyone at Durham Christian Homes is very thankful for this very generous donation and it was a wonderful evening of music!

## De Emigrant— Performed Live



De Emigrant is a play produced by Stichting Pier 21, coming to us directly from the Netherlands. The play will be performed in the auditorium at Durham Christian Homes on **Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 pm**. Tickets are \$10 pp and may be picked up at Durham Christian Homes or The Village Bake Shop in Whitby or Orono or by reserving at 905-430-1666. The play is written and directed by Romke Toering and stars Freak Smink and Theo Smedes. Although performed live on stage in the Friesian language, English subtitles will light up on boxes on the stage. The play tells of a Friesian man's experience in moving to Canada. His first years were not easy, but with hard work, he becomes a successful entrepreneur, managing a large farming company. He is overcome with homesickness recalling his experiences. It's an immigrant story that many will relate to.

## Our Board of Directors

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## Annual Fall Bazaar Saturday, Nov 2nd 10 am - 2 pm



Be sure to mark your calendars and visit Durham Christian Homes on **Saturday, Nov. 2 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm** for the unfolding of our annual Fall Bazaar fundraiser! We encourage you to come out for a fun time with family and friends and enjoy hot soup and buns, croquettes and Dutch treats too! The Fall Bazaar features a large Silent Auction, a Penny Auction and a Dinner Auction and the top Raffle Prize this year is a Winter Family Get-a-Way for four at Fern Resort in Orillia! Be sure to pick up tickets for this draw! We will also be selling poffertjes, baked goodies, produce, eggs, hand knits, crafts, and much more!

Gently used 2nd hand donations will be accepted by Ann at 905-668-5970 or Nellie at 905-668-4682. If you'd like to donate new items for the Silent Auction or volunteer at this event please contact Darlene at 905-430-1666 ext. 223.

For another fun Bazaar day . . . be sure to also visit **Glen Hill Strathaven** in **Bowmanville** on **Sat., Nov. 23** from **1-4 pm!**

## Fashion Show



A Fashion Show is being planned for **Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 pm** in the Durham Christian Homes auditorium. Tickets are \$10 each and the evening will feature clothing from the Oshawa Centre's Alia N Tan Jay ladies clothing store, musical entertainment and a wonderful dessert prepared by our chef with coffee or tea, and of course, there will be draw prizes! Please pre-order your tickets at least a week before the show by calling our office at 905-430-1666.

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