



# 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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### 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

#### Libertas Male Choir - Bethel CRC

Thurs., Oct.30 @ 7:30pm

#### DCH Fall Bazaar

Sat., Nov. 1  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### Christian Festival Concert @

##### Roy Thomson Hall

Friday, Nov. 7 @ 7:30pm

#### Remembrance Day Service

Tues., Nov.11 @ 10:30 am

#### Open House @ Strathaven

Thurs., Dec.11 from 6-9pm

## Convalescent Care

Did you know that high quality, effective convalescent care is available at Glen Hill Strathaven in Bowmanville for those recovering from surgery or illness that require rehabilitation services?

Staff at Glen Hill Strathaven use a patient-focused approach for clients who may have suffered from a prolonged acute or chronic illness or who may have recently undergone illness or surgery.

Take comfort in knowing you or your loved one will be cared for by staff who uphold the values of DCH. Call 905-623-2553 for more information .

## Need Rental Space?

Durham Christian Homes offers a beautiful facility complete with a grand lobby area with indoor tropical vegetation and a fireplace which offers an inviting sitting area — the perfect 'meet and greet' location for guests. Our auditorium, with its full sized stage, complete with audio and visual equipment has become the perfect location for many wonderful concerts, plays, special celebration dinners, and fundraising events! Our on-site Chef may also be hired to provide the perfect meal for your special event! For more information, call us at 905-430-1666 for more information or to arrange a tour.

## From the Executive Director

I have been blessed to have spent the past ten months as the Executive Director of Durham Christian Homes. I have enjoyed meeting with residents, staff, consultants, contractors and volunteers; ensuring that I have a good understanding of the organization and those we serve. The time has gone quickly and the days have been full and productive!

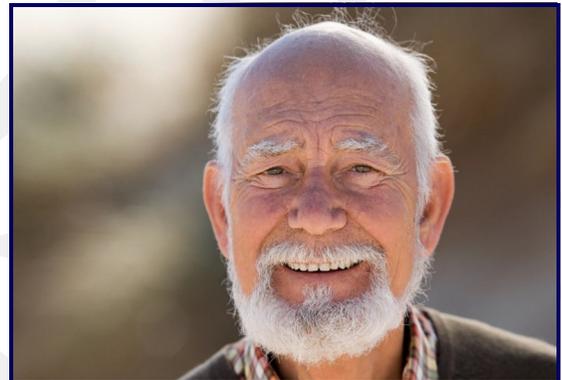
Since the last newsletter, our Bowmanville long term care homes have had unannounced inspections by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. We are working diligently to ensure that any items identified are dealt with in a proactive manner and are committed to ensuring that we operate in accordance with legislation and regulations. Our Bowmanville long-term care homes have also reached out to our numerous community partners in order to highlight the services we offer in Durham; while at the same time strengthening our existing partnerships and forging new partnerships for our successful future.

Our Glen Hill Marnwood Retirement Home has seen some changes and I am pleased to note that the home is doing well and has been compiling a waitlist of future residents.

We have also been working diligently to ensure that our Tekoa Manor and Providence Place buildings continue to be maintained in the first-rate manner that our tenants are accustomed to.

We have been busy ensuring that our Strategic Directions including *Maintaining Financial Stability* which was added in early 2014 has come to fruition with changes to our contract structure and purchasing policies to streamline procedures and that reflect good governance, ensure accountability and fiscal responsibility. One such change was the appointment of a new auditor Paul Brocklesby, partner at Tinkam & Associates for 2014.

One exciting initiative that we are currently working on is the launch of a fundraising campaign for Durham Christian Homes to support our various operations and future long-term plans for redevelopment. We will be sharing more information with you in the coming months (see next page for more details).



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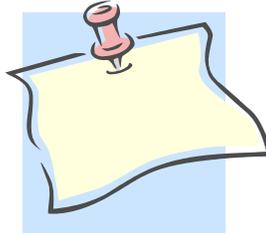
Retirement Suites Available at Marnwood  
Call Today to Arrange a Tour!

Glen Hill Marnwood 905-623-5731

Glen Hill Strathaven 905-623-2553

## From The Board of Directors

Since the last Newsletter, there has been a great deal of activity. Over the past ten months, the Board of Directors has returned to a governance role with the arrival of Ruth McFarlane, Executive Director, who competently ensures daily operations run smoothly and efficiently at our facilities in Whitby and Bowmanville.



Some Board responsibilities that are currently in progress include:

- ◆ The restructuring and staffing of Standing Committees of the Board to capitalize on specific skills and experience of Directors as identified by skills matrix
- ◆ The amalgamation of the Governance and Nominating Committee to provide an increase in committee membership and to combine the functions of both committees—to set and enforce policy and procedure and to ensure qualified candidates are sought for vacancies on the Board and Committees
- ◆ The decision to actively recruit community members for possible position on Standing Committees and/or the Board due to end of term vacancies at the 2015 AGM. If you or someone you know has experience on a Board and would like more information on what qualifications and skills we are looking for, contact Stan Piersma at [spiersma@rogers.com](mailto:spiersma@rogers.com)
- ◆ Review and recommended revisions of our current By-laws to be shared with the membership prior to a vote and approval
- ◆ On-going monitoring of financials through Finance Committee and Board reports to ensure financial stability of all our organizations
- ◆ Participation of Board and Redevelopment Task Force members on guided tours of several long-term care homes to understand the physical, operational and financial requirements prior to developing a site-specific plan for our future development of a long-term care facility in Whitby

Durham Christian Homes has faced many challenges and changes however the Board is optimistic that we are making changes that will positively influence our future as a community that offers quality care to seniors in Durham. The Board is thankful for our dedicated and knowledgeable staff and volunteers who are *Enriching Lives and Serving Others*.

As always, we covet your prayers and thank you for your continued membership and support.

Simon Muizelaar, Chairman

Our annual **FALL BAZAAR** will be held on **SAT., NOV. 1st** from **10:00am - 2:00 pm**.



We encourage you to come out for a fun time with family and friends and enjoy hot soup, Dutch treats and croquettes. We will be selling draw tickets, poffertjes, baked goodies, knitted items, crafts, and much more!

If you have items to donate to our Yard Sale, please call Ann at 905-668-5970 or Nellie at 905-668-4682. If you have new items for the mini-auction, or if you'd like to donate your time as a volunteer for this event please contact Shauna at 905-430-1666 ext. 223.

## Christmas Gift Idea



Concerned that mom, dad or a loved one is not eating a well-balanced, nutritious lunch? Would they benefit from the company of others at meal time? Our Chef serves up 3-course meals Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for only \$7.85/meal (monthly plan) or \$8.50/meal (occasional meals). Chose to eat in the dining room or pick-up service. Meal tickets make a thoughtful and tasteful Christmas gift!

## Donate to DCH!



We currently receive partial funding through the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and endeavor to raise additional funds through internal fundraising initiatives and grant applications for all of our communities.

If you would like to support Durham Christian Homes vision of becoming an increasingly important presence in the communities we serve, call the office at 905-430-1666 for more information. General donations, In Memory, and In Honour donations as well as bequests are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support! Tax receipts are issued for donations over \$25. (Continue to check our website [www.dchomes.ca](http://www.dchomes.ca) for more information.)

## Our Board of Directors

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