



DURHAM CHRISTIAN HOMES

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Heritage Place

The introduction of Heritage Place was received positively when introduced in September 2011. Throughout many special presentations and marketing endeavours, our seniors' community were impressed with the design and concept of the Heritage Place Life Lease/Equity Lease concept. However, despite interest, we were unable to secure the necessary sales to move this project forward to the construction phase.

The Board of Directors has made the extremely difficult decision to terminate the project at this time. Factors that contributed to lack of sales will be reviewed, as future plans for the land that was intended for Heritage Place are determined. We know that this decision will be a disappointment for some, however we believe that this allows us to explore new opportunities.

Glen Hill Terrace



A Redevelopment Steering Committee was recently created which includes management from Whitby and Bowmanville, Board Directors and volunteer involvement. The mandate

of this committee is to review and discuss options, opportunities and decisions for redevelopment of Glen Hill Terrace in Whitby and Bowmanville. This process will feed into various tasks within our newly created Strategic Plan and be mindful of our Mission, Vision and Values.

With projects of this magnitude, there is a great deal of research required. We must take into account Ministry of Health Standards for LTC, financial viability and stability as well as community needs. With the acquisition of Glen Hill Marnwood and Glen Hill Strathaven, Durham Christian Homes has become *an increasingly important presence in the communities we serve, celebrated for our vibrant continuum of residences, innovative services and partnerships.* The Redevelopment Steering Committee has been created to ensure that future development meets or exceeds standards and, that DCH continues to be a community of choice for those we serve.

We will continue to provide updates on the progress of this project while we wait for an announcement from the Ministry to move forward. We covet your prayers for our committee members, board and staff as they work on the future building of Glen Hill Terrace.

Office Expansion

Currently our Whitby offices are being expanded to more effectively accommodate our staff.

Once our main office area has been redesigned and expanded, our Whitby residents can look forward to the upgrade of their old computer room.

This renewed computer room will remain in our Providence Place building, which will also be expanded to include space for a new library area!

This expansion and upgrade was made possible by a grant from the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program. Our formerly small computer room will become our new 'Continuous Learning Centre' and we are sure that this exciting user-friendly area will become a buzz with resident activity.

Right now we have to deal with some extra noise and redirection in the office area as each of these projects is underway, but we eagerly look forward to the end results!

Membership

Become a member of Durham Christian Homes.

Membership is only \$50 per year or \$500 for a lifetime. Membership donations are tax deductible and membership upgrades your status on our Providence Place or Tekoa Manor wait list. Ask your friends if they'd like to become members too!



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

**Seniors' Information Fair
with Opening Speaker: Pat Foran**

Thur., Jan. 31
9:30-12:00 noon

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Brunch

Tues., Feb. 12
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Night to Remember

Dinner, Show, Silent Auction
Sat., Feb. 23 @ 5:00 pm

**Famous People Players
Black Light Theatre Trip**

Thurs., Feb. 28
10:30 am Departure

Mr. Song Man - Mike McConnell

Mon., March 18 @ 7:00 pm

Odessa Ukrainian Dancers

Thur., March 21 @ 7:00 pm

**Hamilton Place Choir Trip
Hosanna & Mattaniah Choirs**

Sat., March 30 @ 7:30 pm
Call for Trip Details

Easter Program with Singer Wes Mills

Mon., April 1st @ 3:00 pm

Bel Canto Choir

Tues., April 23 @ 7:30 pm

Spring Yard Sale

Sat., May 4th - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Concordia Pops Orchestra

Tues., May 7 @ 7:00 pm

Fashion Show with Melanie Lyne

Thurs., May 9 @ 7:00 pm

Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 10 @ 7:30 pm



Seniors' Information Fair with Keynote Speaker: Pat Foran

Durham Christian Homes is hosting a Seniors' Information Fair on **Thursday, January 31** from **9:30 am - 12:00 noon**. Keynote speaker, Pat Foran, of CTV News will be our very special guest speaker, opening the fair at 9:30 am. Pat is an award-winning journalist who currently hosts a popular feature segment on CTV News called "Consumer Alert."

Copies of Pat's most recent books on how to be a smart consumer will also be available this day.

Throughout the morning you will have the opportunity to pick up information or ask questions of representatives from any of the following participating organizations: Alzheimer Society of Durham, Canadian Diabetes Society, Canadian Hearing Society, Community Care Durham, Durham Hospice, Home Instead Senior Care, Nordic Pole Walking, Philips Life Line, our in-house Physiotherapy Team, Seniors Network Solutions, Seniors on Wheels, Shopper's Home Health, Silver Cross, T & E Senior Wellness Centre, W.C. Town Funeral Chapel, Whitby Seniors Services, our DCH Meals Program and a representative will also be here from our Bowmanville homes: Glen Hill Strathaven and Glen Hill Marnwood. Be sure to reserve this date!



Yard Sale & BBQ

We will host our annual Spring Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 4th** from **9:00 am - 1:00 pm**.

We encourage you to come out for a fun time with family and friends and enjoy a hot lunch of hamburgers or croquettes. We will be selling draw tickets, poffertjes, baked goodies, eggs, 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 Darlene at 905-430-1666 ext. 223.

Mr. Song Man - Mike McConnell

Be sure to mark your calendars and visit Durham Christian Homes on **Monday, March 18** at **7:00 pm**. Mr. Song Man, Mike McConnell is coming to entertain us with a variety of musical numbers. You are sure to hear some beautiful gospel music and in honour of St. Patrick's Day, being the day before, he's sure to sing some good old Irish songs too! Donations for this performance will be collected at the door. Please note that our facilities can accommodate parking for all our visitors with easy access to our buildings from the back parking lot.

Spring Fashion Show



An exciting Spring Fashion Show featuring ladies fashions from the Oshawa Centre's Melanie Lyne boutique is being planned for **Thursday, May 9th** at **7:00 pm**. Tickets are \$10 pp and the evening will include musical entertainment, a scrumptious dessert, tea or coffee, and of course there will be draw prizes!

In honour of Mother's Day, the following Sunday, this show will feature Mother and daughter models. This would be the perfect opportunity for grandmothers, daughters and granddaughters to spend some time together. Please pre-order your tickets a week before the show by calling our office at 905-430-1666.

Are you a Hydro Worker?

You can receive a tax receipt and support a worthwhile organization at the same time.

As an employee or retiree of Ontario Power Generation (OPG) you can include Durham Christian Homes on your payroll deduction for charity. Simply go to employee self-serve (ESS) and select Durham Christian Homes Inc. There is no administration fee and your donation is documented on your T-4 for tax purposes. Help us plan for your future. Donate now!

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