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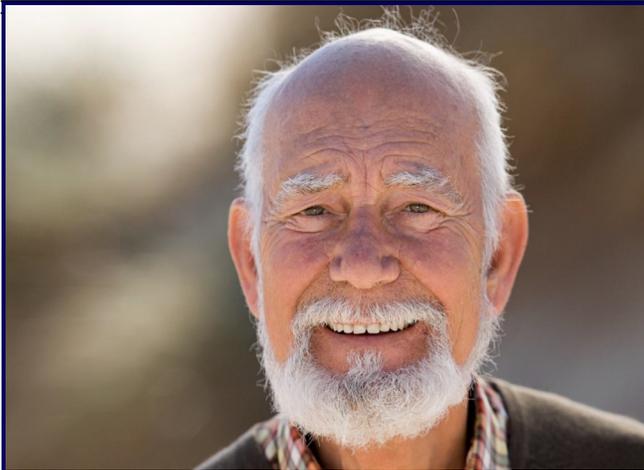
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Membership Newsletter

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From the New Executive Director

Since joining the Durham Christian Homes team as Executive Director on January 6th, it has been my pleasure and privilege to gradually meet with staff and residents from both our Whitby and Bowmanville homes.

As the former Executive Director at Ehatore Retirement and Nursing Home in Scarborough, I have over 18 years experience working within a retirement/LTC environment. Along with my experience in quality improvement, health care planning and service delivery, I am also a volunteer on the Board for the Ontario Long-Term Care Association (OLTCA).

While connecting with staff, residents and the Board of Directors for Durham Christian Homes, I am currently assessing our strategic goals and objectives, preparing our Bowmanville staff for Quality Inspections by the Ministry of Health and reviewing operational procedures.

I am passionate about enriching the lives of the residents we serve and I look forward to all that the future has to hold as we work together as staff and volunteers to provide quality care for all our residents.

Ruth McFarlane

Need Rental Space For Your Event?

If you have ever visited Durham Christian Homes you know what a beautiful facility we have!

Our grand lobby area is spacious and elegant, while the indoor tropical vegetation and fireplace sitting area add a comfortable touch of ambience. It's the perfect reception area or 'meet and greet' location for guests. It also leads directly into our spacious Friendship Hall auditorium.

With its full sized stage, complete with audio and visual equipment, Friendship Hall has become the perfect location for many wonderful concerts, plays, special dinners, and fundraising events!

Our on-site Chef may also be hired to provide the perfect meal for your special event!

To rent our space for a group event or private function feel free to call us at 905-430-1666.

Hydro Workers

Did you know that 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!

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

Swing Time Band

Tues., March 11 @ 3:30 pm

Mr. Song Man Performs

Mon., March 17 @ 7:00 pm

Lakeshore Winds Band Performs

Fri., March 21 @ 7:00 pm

Friendship Saturday Breakfast Special

Sat., March 22

8:30 am - 10:30 am

Odessa Ukrainian Dancers

Thur., March 27 @ 7:00 pm

Ripley's Aquarium Trip

Tues., April 8

Call for Departure Info.

Hosanna & Mattaniah Choir Trip to Hamilton

Sat., April 12

Call for Departure Info.

Easter Monday

with Soloist John Willoughby

Mon., April 21 @ 10:30 am

Yard Sale

Sat., May 3

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Concordia Pops Orchestra

Tues., May 6 @ 7:00 pm

Spring Fashion Show

Tuesday, May 13 @ 7:00 pm

Annual General Membership Meeting

Mon., June 9 @ 7:30 pm

BBQ & Strawberry Social

Thursday, June 26

12:00- 2:00 pm

From The Board of Directors

It's been a busy fall and winter for the Board and committees of Durham Christian Homes. The following are some of the key activities, initiatives and decisions of the past few months:

- ⇒ In early October, our organization, including the Board participated in the Accreditation/Certification process for our Long Term Care facilities in Bowmanville. Essentially this is a very comprehensive review of policies, procedures and practices. The Board was questioned in the area of Governance, and residents/families, staff, and partners were interviewed as part of this process. We were very pleased with the final report and the 3-year Accreditation/Certification received from Accreditation Canada.
- ⇒ The Board approved the creation of a Redevelopment Task Force to prepare for and explore Long Term Care facility options in Whitby. There is some hope that there may be funding for redevelopment of existing beds at some point later this year.
- ⇒ In accordance with Canada Revenue Agency guidelines, we will no longer issue charitable receipts for membership fees, as there are deemed benefits to being a member of Durham Christian Homes.

Finally we are delighted to celebrate the arrival of Ruth McFarlane as our new Executive Director for Durham Christian Homes. We are already benefiting from the experience and knowledge that she brings, especially as we work together to move DCH forward with the vision for our facilities in Whitby and Bowmanville. We are very thankful for the answered prayers and support received from our membership.

Simon Muizelaar, Chairman



'JA-MEI-MY' - Live Theatre

Ja-Mei-My is a play produced by the Stichting Pier 21 theatre group from the Netherlands and will be performed live in the Frisian language with English subtitles projected onto a theatrical set and on stage at Durham Christian Homes **Friday, Oct. 3rd at 7:00 pm**. Theatre tickets will start selling in September, but be sure to mark your calendars in advance now to reserve for this special night!

JA-MEI-MY means 'yes, with me' and stars Freark Smink (Lead Actor from De Emigrant) and his wife Klaasje Postma (Klaasje played Beppe Tryntisje in their 2006 show). The play is an honest portrayal of the ordinary things that two people encounter and is presented in a comical, yet heart warming manner. Reminiscing about their own youth and their grandmother's lives results in laughter as well as moments of reflection.

Our Board of Directors

Simon Muizelaar, Chair
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Chris Kooy, Secretary
John Luimes, Treasurer



Bruce Bos
Richard Bouma
Jane Hoogendam
Harry Kok
Elizabeth van der Loo

Upcoming Trips

A day trip to **Ripley's Aquarium**, in Toronto including lunch is being planned for **Tuesday, April 8**.



A trip to see and hear the **Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir** and special guests perform in Hamilton including dinner before the concert is being planned for **Saturday April 12**.

For coach bus details and pick-up locations call 905-430-1666 ext. 223 before **March 12**.



Our annual Spring Yard Sale will be held on **Sat., May 3rd** 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 and 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.



Spring Fashion Show

An exciting Spring Fashion Show is being planned for **Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm** in our auditorium. Tickets are \$10 each and the evening includes fashions from the Jayset store found in the Bowmanville Mall. Nygard, Tan Jay, Alia and Alison Daley are just a few of the brand names that will be modeled this night. The evening will also feature some musical intrigue, a scrumptious dessert with coffee or tea, and of course, draw prizes too! To order tickets, please call 905-430-1666 at least one week before the event night to reserve your seat.