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Membership Newsletter

"To God be the Glory"

Winter 2011

Long-Term Care Plans Become Real

The BIG NEWS from Durham Christian Homes this month is the much anticipated purchase of the Strathaven and Marnwood LTC and



Retirement Homes in Bowmanville. The combined LTC room capacity for both facilities is 259 beds, plus 85 assisted-living retirement rooms between the two facilities. We officially became the new owners of these homes on March 1st!

Thus, we have entered the realm of Long-Term Care (LTC) management! With the approval from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the official LTC operator's license in our possession, we now qualify to receive the first phase of loan financing from Infrastructure Ontario. We will take on approximately 350 full-time and part-time employees between the two Bowmanville buildings.

This approval brings us one step closer to the next phase of our plan, which is to build Glen Hill Terrace (an LTC building) and Heritage Place (a Life Lease building) on our Whitby property. Praise be to God!

Heritage Place Update

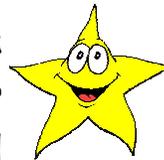


The Board of Durham Christian Homes has decided that our proposed Heritage Place retirement living residence will be a 'Life Lease' facility. Gary Zock and Associates have been hired to administer the Life Lease program on behalf of DCH. Mr. Zock has worked with organizations similar to ours and has a great deal of experience in dealing with life leases. DCH plans to host a Heritage Place/Life Lease Information session sometime this Spring. Stay tuned for details of the date and time for this meeting. At this information session we hope to present some preliminary designs of the proposed units and information on Life Leases. Anyone interested in learning more about our Heritage Place plans is most welcome to attend.



Would you like to join a new Osteo-Fit / Chair Yoga Class on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am? A FREE DEMO class will be held in our auditorium on Thursday, March 10th. In this gentle class you will use a chair to support the body while working on increasing range of motion, concentration and energy. Exercises help release tension, and build strength and flexibility. You are most welcome to check out or join us for this exciting new class!

Become a Member of DCH



Become a member of Durham Christian Homes Society! Our membership fee is only \$50. per year or \$500 for a lifetime membership. A charitable donation receipt is issued.

This is truly an exciting time to become a member of our organization as we journey towards expanding upon what we have to offer the seniors of Durham Region. Let's plan for our future together! Please join us.

Our Mission:

Durham Christian Homes is committed to shelter, care and recreation for Christian seniors allowing them to enjoy an active life within a Christian Community.

Our Vision:

To lead in providing housing and healthcare for seniors of Durham Region in a Christ centered atmosphere.

IMPORTANT DATES

Osteo-Fit Chair Yoga FREE DEMO

Thur., March 10 @ 9:30 am

Goal Setting

with Dr. Michael Gauthier
Thur., March 24 @ 11:00 am

German Folk Dancers
The Loreley Youth Dancers
Mon., March 28 @ 7 pm

Organ & Piano Concert
Tues., March 29 @ 7 pm

The Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah
Christian Male Choir
Sing in Hamilton - Bus Trip
Sat., April 2 @ 7:30 pm

Easter Special- Lloyd Knight
Peoples Church Soloist
Mon., April 25 at 2 pm

Terrace Fundraising Dinner
Scottish Dance & Music Special
Fri., April 29 @ 5:30 pm

Spring Yard Sale
Sat, May 7th - 9 am - 1 pm

Concordia Pops Orchestra
Tues., May 10 @ 7 pm

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Elegant Dinner & Scottish Show Fundraiser Event for Glen Hill Terrace LTC Building

Durham Christian Homes is hosting an elegant dinner night and evening of high stepping Scottish charm on **Friday, April 29th**. Hors d'oeuvres will begin at **5:30 pm** and dinner at **6:00 pm**. This event will be the first Fundraising dinner with the proceeds going towards our Glen Hill Terrace Long-Term Care home. Please be sure to reserve your seating in advance for this very special dinner and show! The ticket cost will be \$50 pp and a \$25 donation receipt will be issued to you for tax purposes. We promise you loads of fun as the evening will feature Scottish dancers, Scottish music, bag pipes and a Scottish singer. A wonderful dinner menu is currently being planned. Please contact **Darlene** at **905-430-1666** or **ddouma@dchomes.ca** to order your tickets before **April 21st**. It's going to be a . . . Guid eenin!



What's Happening at DCH

The Board and Committees of Durham Christian Homes are all busy working towards our future building plans. The Property Committee has been overseeing the installation of a new entrance way and call board system which will be used by people entering our facilities from our back parking lot. This committee is also busy with plans to turn the second level shuffleboard area into a Board Room/Meeting Room area. Our former Board Room was converted to an accounting office to accommodate an increase in staff due to the Bowmanville purchases. The Board is also busy with overseeing the finances necessary to build our new Glen Hill Terrace LTC and Heritage Place buildings. The architect's design plans are being reviewed and details are being discussed. Once we are another step closer to putting the shovel in the ground for 'The Terrace', we will again approach our membership with an opportunity to assist with loan financing. Of course, your direct giving in the form of donations will be most gratefully received at any point in time. We hope that you are excited with us . . . as we find ourselves ever so close to making our building plans reality!

YARD SALE . . . BBQ . . . BAKE SALE . . . SAT, MAY 7 - 9 am-1 pm



Traditionally, Durham Christian Homes hosts a Fall Bazaar and a Spring Yard Sale which are always held the first Saturday in November and the first Saturday in May. We aim for over \$10,000 with our Bazaar and over \$5,000 with our Yard Sale. Our 2010 Fall Bazaar brought in \$15,120. We thank our community supporters and once again look for your support for this year's event.

Please mark **May 7th** from **9:00 am - 1:00 pm** on your calendars and plan to come out! This year you may park in the new back Parking Lot and the BBQ will also be at the back of our buildings.

If you have unbroken, washed-down items to donate to the Yard Sale please call Ann at 905-668-5970 or Nellie at 905-668-4682. This is also a fun day for donating volunteer time to our DCH community. Your efforts assist us with raising funds towards our future building project - The Terrace! Call Darlene at 905-430-1666 if you'd like to donate your time on this day. Be sure to come out and enjoy a lunch of hamburgers or croquettes with friends. We will also be selling draw tickets, poffertjes, baked goodies, eggs, knitted items, crafts, this & that and much more.

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