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Home

The Sisters of Providence have been working in our Calgary community since 1909 providing compassion, love and respect to our residents. Supporting the Sisters is a caring staff, a Board with vision and an active Foundation.

As a new resident, the first steps into a care centre can be very emotional. Through your support we are able to welcome each resident into their new home, provide compassionate care that matches their level of need and mobility, encouragement to keep their minds and bodies active and to live their lives to the fullest.

Father Lacombe Care Centre is an aging building but loved by those who call it home. It is important that we keep it well maintained and carry out the much needed improvements.

Our newer *Providence Care Centre* is home to 160 residents. We have completed the Healing Garden project and are well underway with the \$2.5 million Chapel Campaign. We are hoping to break ground this summer.

Your generous support allows us to provide for and support the needs of our residents, ensuring that

“there's no place like home”.

The New Chapel - Our Lady of Providence



In celebration and recognition of all that the Sisters of Providence have accomplished in the Calgary community since their arrival in 1909, the Chapel will be named

“Our Lady of Providence”.

Spirituality is one of our Values. It is defined as “that which gives meaning and purpose in life” and is an integral part of our daily lives. When a resident moves into long term care there is a strong sense of loss. Their social connection with family, friends, church and their neighbourhood is often diminished. Although their physical and medical needs for life and safety are being provided daily, there remains that sense of loss.

Where can the resident go for some quiet time, for reflection and prayer? Where can family members retreat to as they prepare for their loved one to make their final journey? Where can staff go for prayer when a much loved resident passes? The answer will be our new Chapel.

The cost to design and build our Chapel is \$2.5 million. We are delighted to advise that we only have \$320,000 left to raise and then we can start construction.

We need to be successful in raising the final \$320,000 by this June, in order to start construction this summer.

We thank you, and appreciate any support that you can provide at this critical stage.

Remaining Funds required: \$320,000

The Joy of Mobility - Resident Transportation



While the wisdom that comes with aging is often cited as a positive of growing older unfortunately, there is often a number of losses that also accompany the advancing years including a gradual loss of mobility and independence. The loss of the ability to drive, and the freedom it allowed can be devastating for many.

At Father Lacombe and Providence Care Centres we strive to give our residents opportunities to remain engaged in life. Bus outings add a sense of normalcy as they enable our residents to re-visit and enjoy their City and the mountains.

The current bus that is used for resident outings has served us well for 21 years but with mechanical breakdowns, space limitations and restrictions, we've re-evaluated the type of bus that we require now and into the future. With our diverse resident population, the growing number of residents requiring wheelchairs and the increasing size of the wheelchairs impacts not only the space required within the bus but also the entry lift size. The bottom line is we urgently need a new and larger bus.

The new bus will be customized to accommodate seven wheelchairs and eight – ten seated passengers and the side entry lift will allow access for the extra-large wheelchairs. Improved suspension, air conditioning, extra heat at back of the bus are some of the additional comfort items. There will be extra storage for walkers and supplies such as blankets, hats and umbrellas.

Your financial support of this initiative will be very much appreciated by the residents of both Care Centres. Thank You.

Funds Required: \$165,000

88% of residents at Father Lacombe Care Centre are dependent on wheelchairs for their mobility.

75% of long term care residents at Providence Care Centre are dependent on wheelchairs, the remaining 25% have varying degrees of mobility.

Father Lacombe Care Centre - Revitalization

The Father Lacombe Centre is 54 years old and requires updating. An assessment has been completed with respect to infrastructure needs such as roofing and exterior walls. We are also exploring the upgrades needed for the resident areas such as rooms, hallways and dining room, and the scheduling required to minimize disruption for the residents during these upgrades. While doing this we have gained an understanding of the costs and magnitude of the project and the knowledge that we will need to embark upon another "begging journey."

In the Fall we will be formally launching a fundraising campaign for the Father Lacombe Care Centre but in advance of that we have opened the *Father Lacombe Care Centre Revitalization Fund*. We invite you to consider this option for your support.

Greatest Need Fund

Gifts to the area of Greatest Need are extremely valuable as they give us the flexibility to address urgent needs as they arise and enable us to provide the very best of care and recreational programming to our residents.



Thank YOU



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