



Christmastime gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around us – a time when we can look back on the past year and prepare for the year ahead.



2019 AT A GLANCE

It has been a very exciting and fulfilling year for us at the Father Lacombe Care Foundation. Another dream became a reality with the Ground Breaking Ceremony held in July for the new Chapel at Providence Care Centre—Our Lady of Providence, and construction is underway. Father Lacombe Care Centre has had extensive exterior work done along with the start of room renovations and upgrades. The residents at both Father Lacombe and Providence Care Centres enjoyed many activities and seasonal events throughout the year. Both the Legacy Dinner and BBQ Fundraiser celebrating Grandparents Day were successful. Unfortunately this past summer our residents bus made its last and final trip. As outings are very important to our residents, we are desperately fundraising for a new wheelchair accessible bus!



MOVING FOWARD

2020 will be the year to complete the Chapel and fundraise for the Liturgical supplies to celebrate Catholic Mass. We will also be finishing the campaign to purchase the new custom wheelchair accessible bus and establish a transportation budget. Plans will be implemented for the continued renovation projects at Father Lacombe Care Centre. Our annual major fundraising event—the Legacy Dinner will be held on Friday, April 17th, 2020 this year.



Second concrete footing pour for the new Chapel



Newly renovated exterior on the north west corner of the main building at Father Lacombe Care Centre



THE FINAL STEP

Since opening the doors to Providence Care Centre, we have been actively fundraising for the extension of our building to accommodate a place of worship, a place to pray, and a place for meditation. Those funds have gone toward the construction costs of **Our Lady of Providence Chapel**. The Chapel has been named by the Sisters of Providence that formed, supported and grew the Father Lacombe Care Society, starting back in 1909. What was once a dream is truly becoming reality.

Many families, community members and parishioners have generously supported the construction of the Chapel. Pictures tell the tale of our progress to date.

In order for us to open the doors to the Chapel, we are launching a special campaign to raise funds for the furnishings and Liturgical components. **The goal for this campaign is \$150,000.**

Items we are fundraising for include:

- Furnishings
- Tabernacle
- Linens
- Communion Components
- Candles Sticks and Candles
- Hymn Books
- Sound System
- Landscaping
- Vestments & Stoles

All donations will receive a tax receipt and put to work so that we can open the doors and celebrate our faith upon the completion of construction. On behalf of all our residents, families, staff and volunteers, we are very grateful for your support.





CUSTOMIZED WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE BUS

Our most urgent need this Christmas is a new wheelchair accessible bus.



We have recently had to withdraw our existing bus from service due to its unreliability. This means that all outings have been cancelled which is of tremendous disappointment to our residents.

We recognized with our evolving resident population that we required a larger, more accessible bus that could accommodate the needs of all our residents. We embarked upon a fundraising campaign for a new customized bus in December 2018. With the loss of our old bus this has now become an extremely urgent need.

88% of our 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 with the remaining 25% having varying degrees of mobility





A wheelchair accessible bus is vital to the wellbeing and mental health of our residents to provide them with the opportunity to lead a less restrictive life and participate in events and activities outside the Care Centres.

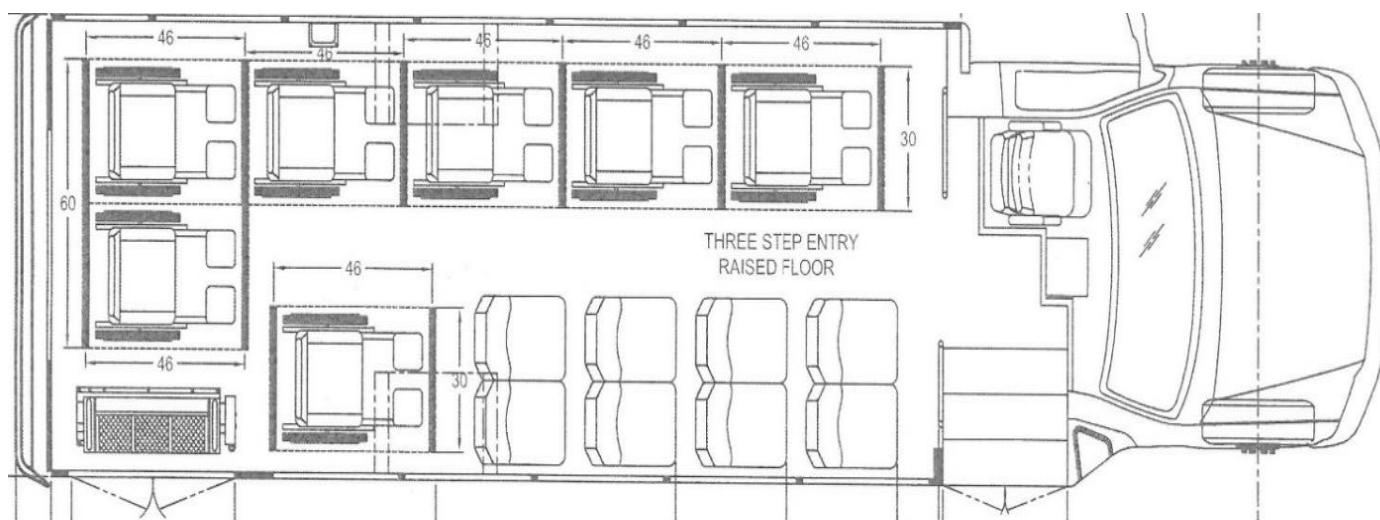
"I cannot express how meaningful these bus outings are, what they mean to me and bring to my life. They bring a sense of normalcy. I spent so much of my life enjoying the mountains, having a bus allows me to continue those experiences." Resident

Our new bus will be customized to accommodate seven wheelchairs and 8 seated passengers, with flexibility to increase the passenger seats to 10. The size and strength of the side entry ramp and lift will be increased to allow access for the larger and heavier wheelchairs. There will be improved suspension, extra heat at the back of bus, air conditioning, sound system, back-up camera and extra storage for walkers and supplies.

"When my father moved to the Care Centre he was in a wheelchair that could access the bus. He went on every outing and especially looked forward to the drives in the country. These outings lifted his spirit. Unfortunately his care needs changed and he had to get a new upgraded and larger wheelchair that could not access the bus. Not being able to look forward to going on outings was a big disappointment and it really wore him down." Family Member

Any help you can give us in raising the remaining \$50,000 would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.





GREATEST NEED

Home is meant to be a special place where you can escape the worries of the world and be surrounded by the people and things that you love. When you are a resident living in Father Lacombe or Providence Care Centre, your home may look a little different, but our staff and volunteers are committed to helping it feel as comfortable and safe as possible.

Quality of life in long-term care is about creating environments that are rewarding, stimulating and allow people to express themselves. While quality of care continues to be exceptional, equipment and furnishings start to wear out with constant use.

Gifts to the area of greatest need are extremely valuable. They allow us to respond to urgent unmet needs when there isn't time to seek the financial support to address the issue, replace the unusable piece of equipment or be responsive to a situation.

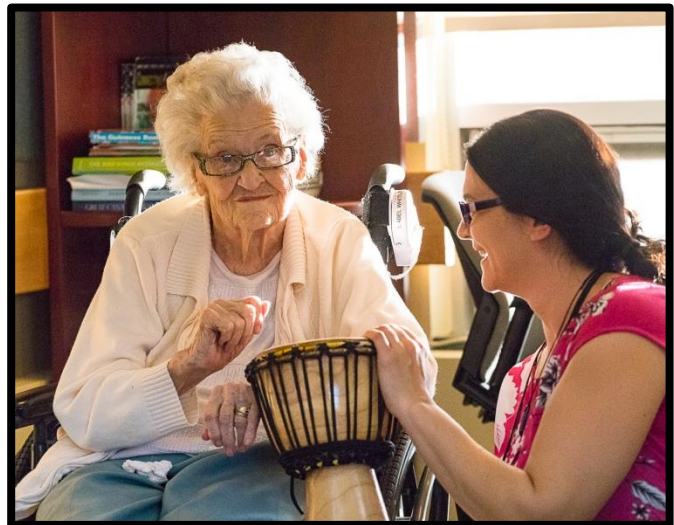
Examples of those needs are:

New furnishings, such as seating in the lobbies and lounges, wheelchair accessible tables in the Dining Rooms and the ongoing need to replace beds and worn out furniture and closets in resident rooms;

Therapeutic Equipment required to keep the body active and moving.

Programs that provide entertainment and outings for residents, spiritual care for residents and families when the resident is palliative, and other therapeutic activities that take place in the neighbourhoods or wings.

To care for those who once cared for us is one of the highest honours.





SAVE THE DATE

Friday, April 17, 2020

21st Annual Legacy Dinner—Mamma Mia Gasoline Alley, Heritage Park

Mamma Mia will be the theme for the 21st Annual Legacy Dinner. The event will take place at Gasoline Alley, Heritage Park on Friday, April 17, 2020. Proceeds will go toward supporting on-going and emerging needs of the residents who live at Father Lacombe and Providence Care Centres.

Please support us by becoming a Sponsor for our Legacy Dinner and help us make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve.

\$10,000 Benefactor Sponsor	16 Complimentary Gala Tickets	VIP Dinner Service	VIP Verbal Recognition at the Event and slide show	1 Page Recognition in the Event Program	Logo and Link Recognition on the Father Lacombe Care Foundation website for one year	Recognition in the Father Lacombe Care Foundation Newsletter with article on your organization.
\$5,000 Legacy Sponsor	8 Complimentary Gala Tickets	VIP Dinner Service	VIP Verbal Recognition at the Event and slide show	½ Page Recognition in the Event Program	Logo and Link Recognition on the Father Lacombe Care Foundation website for one year	Recognition in the Father Lacombe Care Foundation Newsletter with article on your organization.
\$2,500 Builder Sponsor	4 Complimentary Gala Tickets		VIP Verbal Recognition at the Event and slide show	¼ Page Recognition in the Event Program	Recognition on the Father Lacombe Care Foundation website for one year	Recognition in the Father Lacombe Care Foundation Newsletter
\$1,000 Provider Sponsor	2 Complimentary Gala Tickets		Verbal Recognition at the Event and slide show	Recognition in the Event Program		Recognition in the Father Lacombe Care Foundation Newsletter
\$500 Supporter Sponsor			Verbal Recognition at the Event and slide show	Recognition in the Event Program		Recognition in the Father Lacombe Care Foundation Newsletter



*On behalf of our residents, staff and volunteers,
We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

Sincerely,

Evelyn Stewart, Director of Development

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