



Growing a caring community

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Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

The past three Christmas updates have been dominated by COVID. You have witnessed how COVID affected continuing care centres across the country. Despite the challenges, we have maintained high standards of care and cleanliness for our residents.

We were relieved when Alberta Health Services lifted the restrictions, including mask mandates, in July. However, we were soon faced with another obstacle. The province announced that it would cut the increased COVID funding that enabled us to hire extra staff and purchase additional supplies. We were deeply disappointed by this decision.

Rosanne and the team held a series of town halls to inform our residents and their families about the impact of this change, but we did not let this setback stop us from providing the best service to our residents. We celebrated the Stampede and Halloween with joy and enthusiasm. We also hosted the Healing Garden event in September, where we were honored to have Sister Gloria Keylor, the Provincial Superior of the Sisters of Providence, and Minister Dan Williams, a representative from Alberta Health Services, as our speakers.

We have new leaders: Rosanne Yaremko as our new Executive Director and me as Philanthropy Leader. I am amazed at the generosity and support from our donors and volunteers. You have been committed to supporting this ministry, a ministry that has been ongoing since 1910. We need your support more than ever to help fund programs that keep our residents' brains active, bodies moving, and spirits lifted. We cannot do this work alone. We are grateful for your donations, your volunteerism, and your prayers. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our residents.

Sincerely,

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Christmas Ask – Memory Care

Our Care Centres' residents, especially those living with dementia, struggle with loneliness and boredom. Conversations can be challenging, making visits emotionally trying.

Your generosity funds crucial programs like Music Therapy, providing residents with solace. When words fail, familiar tunes bring comfort and joy. Residents tap their feet and sway to the rhythm, experiencing moments of connection through music.

With your support and the expertise of our staff we are transforming our Care Centres into a welcoming, homelike space. With your help we have been able to revamp the entrance of the East Neighbourhood in the Father Lacombe Care Centre. We've replaced unwelcoming grey double fire doors with inviting designs. By removing hardware, adding vibrant decals, we've created an atmosphere that eases fear.

Your contributions empower us to create a more enriching and comfortable environment for our residents. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in their lives.



Christmas Favourites

"My favourite Christmas memory is Christmas spent with my kids."

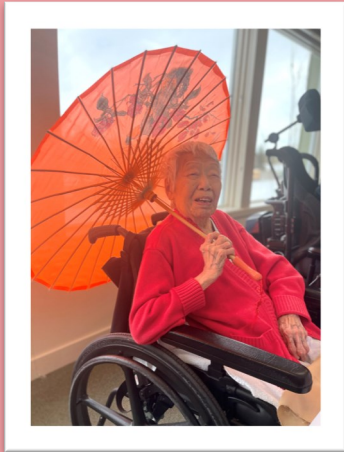
- Carol, FLCC Resident

"I'll be waiting for Santa' is my favourite Christmas Song." - Karen, PCC Resident

"My favourite thing about Christmas is having family together." - Delma, PCC Resident

"My favourite food at to eat and make at Christmas is Christmas pudding." - Gayle , FLCC Resident





**Whatever is beautiful,
whatever is
meaningful, whatever
brings you happiness,
may it be yours this
Christmas.**

Christmas Ask - Dining Room

Mealtime is not only a time to nourish the body, but also the soul. We are always striving to make meal times more fun and engaging for them.

Thanks to your generous support, we've made significant strides in enhancing mealtime experiences with specialized chairs and dining tables at Father Lacombe Care Centre. But there's more work to be done. Many residents still need comfortable, dignified seating. Your continued support will help us bridge this gap and ensure every resident feels truly at home during mealtimes.

Christmas Ask - Greatest Need

For over 120 years, Father Lacombe Care Society has been a home for the "frail and elderly" in the Calgary region. We do this based on our core values of Excellence, Sacredness of Life, Compassion, Spirituality, and Justice. These values are not just words, but the foundation of everything we do in the organization.

When you allocate your funds to the Area of Greatest Need, you enable us to respond to the most urgent and pressing needs of our community.

We deeply appreciate your trust in our ability to make decisions that align with the best interests of our mission.

THANK YOU!

Your support has touched many lives.

You are the foundation of providing a home environment for the residents in our two Care Centres. An environment in which they feel safe, secure and comfortable and provides them opportunities to live their lives to the fullest.

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