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Thank you for your ongoing support and trust







With your help and the work of our committed staff we had a great time during Stampede

Healing Garden Donor Thank You



Sister Gloria addressing the attendees



Attendees enjoying the delicious food provided

In a heartwarming gathering of generosity and unity, over 60 donors gathered together to celebrate the development of the Healing Garden. The Healing Garden is a beautiful oasis carefully designed with our memory care resident's enjoyment in mind. This celebration marked our first in-person event since COVID, held outdoors in the garden on a breezy, sunny September afternoon.

Provincial Superior, Sister Gloria Keylor of the Sisters of Providence graced us with her presence, symbolizing a legacy of care that began over 120 years ago. Rosanne Yaremko, our new Executive Director, and Dan Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, shared their heartfelt words with the attendees. A supportive and reaffirming letter from Stefanie Kusie, MP for Calgary Midnapore, was shared from the podium by our emcee, Pat Dolan.

Your contributions, both in resources and encouragement, breathe life into our mission. We are profoundly grateful for your belief in our cause, knowing that together, we can make a meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve.



Dan Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions



Eileen Kosasih provided music for the duration of the event

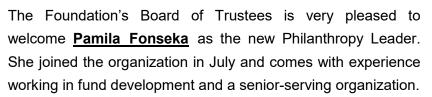


Attendees enjoying the fall sunshine

There are some changes around here!

Rosanne Yaremko, our new Executive Director since July 1, 2023, brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to our mission. Previously our Director of Finance since October 2020, she is a Chartered Professional Accountant with a variety of international expertise. Rosanne also worked with the Sisters of Providence in Edmonton before joining us. She leads us through evolving care landscapes and is honoured to be a member of our capable and dedicated staff.

Truth, honesty, and fairness are her guiding values. Recently, she and the leadership team ensured transparency about our funding sources with our teams and resident families. We're delighted to have Rosanne as Executive Director, trusting her to lead us to success. She strives for excellence and is dedicated to serving our staff and residents with love and compassion.



However, fundraising doesn't work in isolation. It takes many people, playing many different roles, all believing in the mission. Pam is grateful to work with a wonderful group of very dedicated volunteer Board of Directors and to be a part of and learn from the very committed staff.

Joining Pamila's team as the Philanthropy Coordinator, is **Nicole Larson** who will be taking a leadership role on the stewardship program. The Development Offices are located close to the Adult Day Program in the Father Lacombe Care Centre. Pam and Nicole hope you will drop by and introduce yourself the next time you come in to visit your loved one.



Rosanne Yaremko, Executive Director



Pamila Fonseka, Philanthropy Leader

Mother Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin (1800-1851)

Mother Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin, born in 1800, was the founder of the Sisters of Providence of Montreal. Orphaned young, she was raised by devout relatives, receiving an excellent education. She married Jean-Baptiste Gamelin, a fruit merchant, in 1823. She gave birth to three children, but they all died in infancy, as did her husband in 1827. She inherited his fortune and his charitable spirit and dedicated herself to the

city's poor and suffering. Known as the "mother of the poor," her home became known as "refuge of the poor" for those in need. She cared for elderly women, orphans, cholera patients, prisoners, immigrants, and people with disabilities.

Inspired by her devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Vincent de Paul's teachings, Emilie formed the Sisters of Providence, supported by Bishop Ignace Bourget. Her leadership, marked by humility, wisdom, and zeal, continued until her passing in 1851. Beatified by Pope John Paul II on October 7, 2001, as a model of compassion and charity.

Today, the Sisters of Charity of Providence of Western Canada carry on Emilie's legacy. The Sisters actively provide leadership at the Board level and attend to the needs of the residents, embodying her spirit of compassion.



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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