



BULLETIN

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A Splendid Day

The Link Dining Room was filled to capacity on May 18th as Manitoba's Health Minister, Theresa Oswald, announced a new 160-bed personal care facility on the site of Holy Family Home. Addressing the packed room, Minister Oswald said it was a splendid day for Manitoba seniors and their loved ones who want the kind of high quality housing that HFH provides.

"Holy Family Home is a treasure in the community; it's a jewel, a centerpiece," she said. "There is an emphasis on family here and a strong Ukrainian heritage. We want to ensure that this continues forevermore, if possible."

The formal announcement of the redevelopment marks a significant milestone in our Mission as a faith-based, long-term care provider. As Sr. Theresa Slota, Superior of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, remarked in her speech,

the Government's trustful investment in HFH will allow us to take the first step toward a long-range development plan.

"We see this expansion project as a very important first step in our longer term vision of supporting the Government and the WRHA in enhancing the continuum of care for seniors," Sr. Theresa said. "Once the renovation and expansion project is underway, our vision and plan is to create a residential village in which seniors are able to age in place as their care needs change over time."

Behind Sr. Theresa's words is a strategic vision of our future as a centre of health care excellence. Because the Manitoba Government believes that HFH has the expertise to turn this foresight into reality, we now have the opportunity to build a distinctive facility that will serve Manitoba families for many decades to come.



Our Next Steps

The major redevelopment project at HFH has been officially announced and the preliminary work has started, but like any multimillion-dollar endeavor, there is a long line of steps to be taken before the ribbon is cut. For instance, before the shovels go in the ground, architects and engineers need to assess the site and design a building to suit the space.

Throughout the entire process, there are over 20 steps to take, each of them subject to approval by the provincial government. In the meantime, to ensure that we have enough funds to cover our share of the cost (at least \$5 million, and perhaps as much \$11 million), the SSMI and HFH are exploring the establishment of a fundraising office and formulating a multi-year action plan.

As we continue working on the construction and fund development projects, there are several other equally important strategic initiatives—staff wellness and recognition, clinical program approach and our culture of care and compassion—that will all be front and centre going forward. These three strategic areas, and especially our culture of care and compassion, say a lot about who we are. They go to the heart of our commitment to healthcare excellence and speak to our reputation as leaders in the PCH field.

Another All-Star Evening

On June 16th, our 45-member team of walkers—the Holy Family Home All Stars—joined thousands of other dedicated individuals at The Forks for the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba's Memory Walk. A big thank you to Dulce Santos for organizing our All Stars, which included HFH staff, friends, families, members of the Ladies' Auxiliary and our Sisters. It is certainly inspiring to see the spirit of HFH in action for such a great cause.

Seasonal BBQs

If it's the beginning of summer, then it's BBQ season at HFH. Once again, the Resident Family BBQ was held on June 21st and a day later we gathered in the auditorium for our annual Staff BBQ. Kudos to Cindy Hayman, Kelly Kingston, Shirley Picklyk, Oksana Bondarchuk, Angela Peeler, and the departments of Recreation, Maintenance, Nutrition and Food Services, and Housekeeping for staging another successful event. It's always a great opportunity for our staff to "meet and eat" before the holidays.



Holiday Schedules

Because we're restricted to the number of staff members who can be away from work at any one time, it's not practical for everyone to obtain vacation time during July and August. I appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation when planning their holiday schedules.

Generous Donations

Through the generosity of the Ladies' Auxiliary and Club 373, we'll be refurbishing the Auditorium and Towne Center. Thanks to the Ladies' fundraising efforts, we'll be replacing the tables and chairs in the Auditorium. Club 373, a local community service organization, is donating \$65,000 to HFH and we'll be using the money to purchase new furnishings for Towne Center and the Redwood Lounge. As well, the funds will go towards replacing some of the handrails on the main floor, painting the main floor walls and restoring ceiling tiles in Towne Center. All the projects are expected to be completed by October.

Farewell Gloria...

After 29 years of invaluable administrative service to the residents, Board, staff and Sisters of HFH, Gloria Chizick is retiring. Her day-to-day dedication to the success of HFH will be missed and her great ability to get things done will not be easily replaced.

Through her work, Gloria has contributed greatly to the success of HFH. Her attention to administrative details has helped ensure the positive outcomes of many important projects, including our national accreditation surveys and provincial standards reviews. From everyone at HFH, thank you Gloria and best wishes on your new journey in life.

...Welcome Lori

A big welcome is in order for Lori Elias who is taking over from Gloria. Lori comes to us from Marymount, a 100-year-old organization that provides support and service to young people and their families. Lori has achieved much success in her role as Administrative Services Coordinator at Marymount and I'm confident that she'll be a valuable addition to Holy Family Home's staff. Please join me in warmly welcoming Lori to our workplace.



Insight

When the Honourable Theresa Oswald commented that she believes Holy Family Home to be a “treasure in the community,” she was reflecting on what many others across Manitoba and Canada have also come to regard as true. As I’ve said many times before, HFH has a stellar reputation in the long-term health care field and the subsequent trust placed in us by the Government certainly shows just how much we’re valued.

Indeed, HFH is evolving. There is much redevelopment happening, and with change there is always challenge. It’s up to each of us to individually make a choice—we can either resist these changes or embrace them.

When you embrace change, you’re actively participating in the reshaping of our world. When you make suggestions, you’re part of the solution. When you open your heart to new ideas, you’re helping define the future in a realistic way.

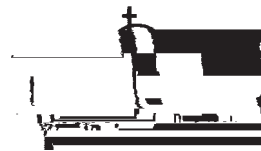
As Ms. Oswald says, Holy Family Home is truly a treasure. We should all be proud of this accomplishment because it is our own collective spirit that has created such a sparkling epithet.

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SUMMER WISHES

Summer is a time for getting together with family and friends. It’s the season of backyard barbecues, weekend camping trips and out-of-province adventures. However you celebrate these sunny days and warm months, and wherever you go in the world, I trust you’ll relax and enjoy yourselves. Please travel and play safely.

On behalf of the Sisters and our Board, I’d personally like to thank you for the dedication you’ve all shown this year to building a true culture of care and compassion here at HFH. We sincerely wish you and your family a joyful summer.



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