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27th March 2020 -
Trivia Night

AGM

May 4th, 6:00pm
Knox Church, 120
Lisgar St

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Daybreak latest...from Richard

Our Resident Christmas party was a huge success. Held at Knox church we had a solid 50% turnout from our residents. Daybreak staff (Amanda should get all the credit) and board members set up an afternoon of games, presents and food. Big thanks to Kanata stockings, Centretown Pharmacy, Aggie and the St Peter's Lutheran church committee for the newly purchased clothing donations and all other donors for their generosity in ensuring our residents had a very fulfilling afternoon.



Daybreak has maintained 100% occupancy rate since the summer and at the time of drafting this document we are assessing approx. 5 people a week who will join our ever-expanding waiting list.

We had a very good response to the last newsletter with regards to donations and I thank you all again for your generosity. Cash donations obviously help us maintain our houses but the many clothing donations, we have received have ensured that our residents have winter coats and warm weather clothing.

I was invited to speak at the Bytown Rotary club by Rev. Stewart Hewlett (and former Daybreak President) in December and took the opportunity to bring them up to date and to thank them for their ongoing support.

I visited the fantastic Causeway with several of our residents, in January, and had a tour by their staff. We hope that our residents will take advantage of this great organization.

Our resident walking group continues, and we have also started our monthly evening visit to a museum where it's free admission on a Thursday.

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Meet our residents

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Special thanks to:

Matt Branch
Manager at
Scotiabank –
Richmond Road

Jeff – Sunlife for
the donation and
winter coats.

St. Peter's Lutheran
Church committee

St. George's
Piccadilly Ave.

Bytown Rotary club

Matt Foundation

Kanata Stockings

Pat O'Brien
(Christmas dinners)

"I arrived at Daybreak in late October to a fresh, clean room and greeted by a familiar face and welcoming staff. I had already been shown around during my interview by staff, so after quickly getting settled in, it felt like home.

A warm and cozy building in an ideal location with regular resident meetings and lots of perks is why I like living here.

I have recently found work with the help of an employment councilor from Causeway. A wonderful organization with an excellent job ready program I highly recommend. The next step is to find my own place, until then I am happy to call 391 Piccadilly my home".

Resident Shane sent an email to staff following the Christmas party –

"I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and all the staff at Daybreak for helping make Christmas time a little brighter for me and the other residents here at our house. I honestly had so much fun at the party and the food and all the wonderful gifts were truly awesome! A real class act! Not only did I have fun, but I met some new people and got to know some of the guys in our house a lot better as well. Christmas is a hard time for me, thank you to all of the great people at Daybreak for all that you've done to make it better".



Donations

This newsletter I'd like to push the idea of 'bedding donations' (single/twin sheets, pillows, duvets), bedroom furniture (lamps, curtains, rugs) laundry detergent and hygiene related products. Brodie and I performed room inspections early January and identified multiple residents who require assistance with their 'daily living skills'. A common theme is that most of our residents do not have bedding or even a pillow. Residents have also requested exercise equipment as attending a gym is costly and anxiety inducing for many of our residents – if you have any exercise equipment that you are no longer using, please contact us!

Please also consider monthly donations through Canada helps.

Upcoming Events



Daybreak Fundraiser Trivia Night Friday March 27th Hilton Garden Inn, Queen and Bay. Prizes, raffle, 50/50 - Come along, have some fun for a great cause!

AGM – May 4, 2020, 6:00pm – Knox Church, 120 Lisgar St