

A Message from your Marketing & Fundraising Committee

2021/2022 Fundraising Goal

We have a big, audacious fundraising goal this year: \$100,000.

After a year of COVID restrictions affecting residents and families, we are committed to making 2021/2022 a YEAR of HEALTH!

The funds will be used for the Bennett Centre to enhance physical, mental, social and emotional health for residents. Items being considered include a NuStep Rehab Bike, Metal-roof Gazebos and raised garden planters to encourage more outdoor time, Snoezelen cart (s), additional music therapy sessions and more communication devices to encourage virtual visiting. Since the Bennett Centre will be moving to a new, redeveloped building in a few years, any major purchases must be portable so they can be moved over to the new Home when it opens.

Fundraising Events

Here's a peek at some upcoming fundraising.

- Virtual Pub Night at The Furnace Room Brewery
- Bottle Drive
- GoFundMe page
- Calendar of Bennett Village artwork

More details coming shortly, but in the meantime, please start saving your empties for our bottle drive this summer.

Watch the June Family Friendly and the BV Facebook page for information.

We truly appreciate your past support for Bennett Centre fundraising and ask for your continued support this year.

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BSO Doll Therapy Program

Recently, the Bennett Centre was able to purchase a few new Doll Therapy pieces for the home. We have many residents who enjoy Doll therapy and its many benefits.



Can You Help Water the Gardens?

The Garden Volunteer crew is looking for someone to give the front & back gardens a good soak on Saturday or Sunday. We are also looking for one or two volunteers who can step in occasionally when a regular volunteer can't come. The watering takes about an hour, and it is enjoyable to be in the garden and see how it grows. Masks must be worn again this year. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Kathy Dorbeck at kathydorbeck@yahoo.ca



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Bennett Centre Family Newsletter

May 2021

A Message from Soo Wong, Executive Director

Happy Mother's Day!

The National Nursing Week is held annually on the same week as Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12. This year the National Nursing Week will take place on May 10 – 16th. The theme this year is "we answer the call" reflect our dedicated, tireless, and devoted nurses who answer the "call" every day throughout the past year in handling the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Words do not fully express my gratitude to our nursing staff for their endless and dedication during these stressful times. When the COVID -19 pandemic struck in March 2020, you went above and beyond to keep the home and our residents safe. It has been a difficult year with many challenges and changes, including many Ministry directives, policies, and PPE procedure updates and training; however, you met these constant changes with professional enthusiasm, energy and compassion. You are a credit to your profession and to our Home, and we greatly appreciate YOU!

Thank you for "answering the call" and being a positive inspiration to our Home. Thank your exceptional care of our residents with dignity and respect. We are happy to celebrate you this Nursing week, and every week of the year!



A Message from Family Council

Hello family members! In these uncertain times, we all have questions and concerns regarding our loved ones that live at the Bennett, as well as the Bennett operations. The Bennett family Council has a short meeting on the same evening as the Covid-19 Bi-Monthly conference call by the leadership team (7:30 pm for approx. 30 minutes). We discuss the messages shared by the Bennett leadership group, and we can create/ask the Bennett leadership with any follow-up or new questions and concerns that are pertinent to all of us. It's an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Bennett Centre operation and to share information with each other. Please join us!

Family members Priscilla, Andrea and Annette have generously volunteered to collect items for Nurses Week (May 10-16). Many fabulous gift baskets have been made, and special luncheons planned. We wanted to show our appreciation to all the nurses and staff that take care of our loved ones. Many donations from generous area businesses have helped with making this a very successful yearly event. Well done!!

Join us on Facebook!

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Bennettfamilycouncil/>
/ It's a private Facebook group/page to discuss/join/be made aware of topics.

Visit www.fco.ngo (Family Councils of Ontario). See what they do and how they help.

Future Zoom calls scheduled for May 13, May 27 (Same as when Bennett Leadership have their bi-monthly conference call)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88170877572...>

Meeting ID: 881 7087 7572

Passcode: 873348

If you don't want to use Zoom, you can phone into +1 647 558 0588 Canada

Regards,

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