



December 2021

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends of Christie Gardens,

Our world has shifted! Throughout the year Christie Gardens residents, families, friends, and staff have been tested and found to be beautiful. It has been my privilege to be an active observer of the various stages of response to the pandemic. You set a standard of caring and cooperation achieved by very few, even as the rules frequently changed. Thank you for keeping us safe and supporting and encouraging each other.

In the midst of such disruption and testing, our Foundation donors have continued to be faithful in their support. Over the past year three former residents honoured us with bequests from their estates. We are also honoured that several have now committed to monthly donations via [CanadaHelps.org](https://CanadaHelps.org), our online donation portal.

Your generosity allows the Foundation to continue to assist with financial support for residents facing financial need. It encourages our vision of support of ongoing education of staff. It makes it possible for us to serve our community as well, sponsoring the newly painted sunflower walls on Christie Street.

And now we enter the Christmas season. For nine years now since we reactivated The Foundation, we have seen the faithful generosity of residents, families, and friends in this season of giving.

We face increased need for resident support and must continue with in-depth education of staff, and are still looking forward to the development of the new physio fitness centre, delayed for two years by the pandemic, but definitely very much alive in our plans.

Our vision of respectful high quality care of those we serve continues to flourish, especially at this challenging time. We also see others inspired by our example.

Please include us in your Christmas and end-of-the-year philanthropy and share the vision with us. Visit our website at [www.christiegardensfoundation.org](https://www.christiegardensfoundation.org) for more information about our funds, and ways to give.

We will rejoice together when we can meet again! I will be honoured to meet new residents and friends, and will be delighted to share the news of your kindness.

Onward with HOPE for 2022!

Sincerely yours,

Grace Sweatman

President

The Christie Gardens Foundation

