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For more information on ways to give, visit our website at www.christiegardensfoundation.org

Pamela Bradshaw: Why I Give

We asked Christie Gardens resident and Foundation donor Pamela Bradshaw why she gives and we got an excellent response.

It turns out that her family has a credo, passed down from the Bradshaw's great-grandfather whose family crest included a motto written by Cicero: "Non nobis solum nati sumus", which translates to mean "Not for ourselves alone are we born".



We are so honoured that she has chosen the Foundation as an occasion to observe that credo.

Thank you Mrs. Bradshaw for your ongoing support.



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Community Engagement

As the Community Liaison, I have the unique privilege of representing Christie Gardens and The Christie Gardens Foundation in reaching out to our local and extended communities with excitement to share the story of our journey, the experiences that have shaped us, and the philosophy that drives us.

We aspire to share with others to positively influence students, peers, colleagues, policy-makers and our community as to how we think, feel, and act in caring for our Elders.

We focus on three main areas of influence:

- 1) Educational Outreach;
- 2) Peer Impact and Inspiration; and
- 3) Community Impact and Engagement.

Watch this space in future newsletters for updates on our community engagement efforts.

*Yvonne Sweatman, Community Liaison
The Christie Gardens Foundation*



*Grace Sweatman, President
The Christie Gardens Foundation*

Creating a New Narrative in Elder Care

You may have seen the expression, "Creating a New Narrative in Elder Care" and wondered what it meant. Christie Gardens and The Christie Gardens Foundation have developed this theme in response to a critical need for change in the care of our Elders, both at home and throughout our fields of influence.

At Christie Gardens we do not identify the elders we are privileged to serve, by illnesses and declining abilities, but by life history and their capacity to continue to flourish and grow.

We are committed to a new model of service, a model which encourages personal growth, developing relationships and the opportunity for joy regardless of the stage of life.

This model is evident in the approach to community life, the services provided through Assisted Living, and in the most vital service in our care home, The Courtyard. This is a new and essential narrative in today's world of focus on losses and difficulties, and media exposés, which measure the quality of life of the persons served by health driven measurements and the focus on institutional care.

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Creating a New Narrative in Elder Care

I am so proud that the leaders of Christie Gardens, together with those they serve, are committed to a new narrative.

In the last four years, your generous contributions have allowed us to realize our Capital Campaign goal, to continue with generous support for those in financial need, and to expand our influence through research and education opportunities. Please allow me to extend a heartfelt “thank you”, to all of you. I am so grateful for this opportunity to continue to serve this extraordinary community.

And so, the influence of this dream is extending to others. In the past months I have had speaking engagements in exciting and diverse settings. My challenge has been exceptionally well received. I have also had opportunity to connect with persons of influence who develop policy for quality care of our elders. I believe we are beginning to see a breakthrough.

We have also been approached by organizations developing seniors’ communities requesting experienced counsel on how they can move forward with this new narrative.

So, as we consider our next steps, we are confident you will continue to share this vision with us.

The Foundation has proven itself to have a vital role in developing meaningful programs and influencing others to share in the vision of “Creating a New Narrative in Elder Care”.

Grace Sweatman has recently retired from her role as CEO of Christie Gardens that she held for 28 years. Grace is a former Director and past President of the Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA), and is a sought-after public speaker on issues affecting elders in society. Grace currently serves as a Director of the Durham Christian Homes Society.

Capital Campaign – Cedarvale Park

Thanks to the generosity of Foundation donors, and the hard work of our Resident Services team, we have seen the opening of Phase 1 of Cedarvale Park in the Courtyard Community.

A warm and welcoming family kitchen, dining room space, and laundry facilities are now being enjoyed by residents and staff.

We look forward to seeing Phase II completed this spring, where a great room and lounge will round out the neighbourhood model of care.

Please be sure to join us for our event in May when we look forward to celebrating this achievement with our donors.

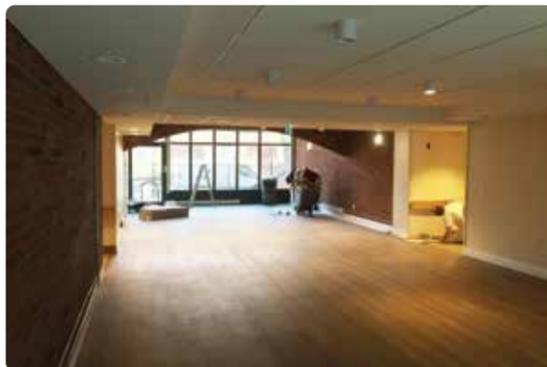


Cedarvale Park at Christie Gardens



Cedarvale Phase II Snapshots

a behind-the-scenes glimpse at our renovation project ...



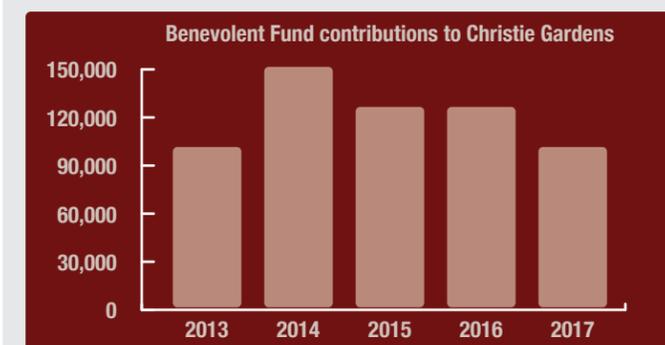
... we are looking forward to completion in Spring 2018!

Benevolent Fund

Our Benevolent Fund is supported by The Christie Gardens Foundation and was established in 2009 to assist our residents who have outlived their financial resources and are unable to cover the full cost of their care.

The Christie Gardens Foundation raises over \$100,000 annually providing charitable support to our residents in financial need.

The Benevolent Fund graciously and discreetly offers support. No one is made to feel isolated or apart from the community of Christie Gardens while receiving a helping hand from the benevolence of others.



Research and Education

The Christie Gardens Foundation is pleased to be supporting several research and education opportunities, above and beyond Christie’s already vibrant in-house education calendar.



In partnership with Dr. Heather Keller of the Research Institute for Aging (RIA) at the University of Waterloo, the Foundation has sponsored the Choice + Dining Study which focuses on making mealtimes better for those living in a nursing home setting.

Our staff team has been assembled and members of the RIA are in the beginning stages of implementing this yearlong initiative.

We are confident that our most frail residents will benefit immensely from this program and we are pleased to support it with the help of your donations towards research and education.