



December 2022

Christmas Greetings from The Christie Gardens Foundation.

Last Christmas I spoke of HOPE as we emerged from the long night of COVID. 2022 was a year of renewed connections and a welcome return to the basics, as stated in our mission:

*Our Mission is to raise funds to develop programmes that serve elders,
inspire peers, influence policy-makers, and foster research and education*

If I were to try to distill our mission down to a single word, right now it would be: Inspire.

Over the last six months I have met with with over 100 Christie Gardens residents, family members, and friends. I have felt privileged and proud to become acquainted and reacquainted with so many extraordinary folk who are part of our community. Learning of their individual life stories and invaluable life experience has been inspiring and humbling.

In short, I've been inspired.

It's not a coincidence then that "Inspire" is the name of our latest project: a scholarship established for Christie Gardens employees and their families. This scholarship is intended to encourage continuing education in fields related to elder care.

inspire
The Christie Gardens Foundation Scholarship

Each year at this time we remind donors of our Benevolence Fund that supports residents facing financial hardship, and our current Capital Campaign: Let's Keep Moving, which is raising funds to develop a ground floor fitness and physiotherapy centre at Christie Gardens.

Our mission is possible only with your generous support. Please include The Christie Gardens Foundation in your Christmas and year end giving. We look forward to inspiring you throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,

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