

Radiant Care Tabor Manor

WE REMEMBER...

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WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAYS OF...

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HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

February is commonly known as a month filled with love, but it is also recognized as 'friendship month'. At Tabor Manor, friendships are made and kept long before and after the month of February. The last few weeks have been challenging for residents. Therapeutic recreation staff and residents made cards to let their friends know they were missed when they had to isolate. Tears and long-distance hugs were exchanged when special cards were delivered. The residents form deep and meaningful relationships with each other that brighten every day throughout the year, Tabor has 'friendship month' all year long! These relationships are what make Tabor a special place to call Home.



Made purely out of love...



Recreation Notes – Norma Restivo

We recently purchased an interactive gaming and activity console, the Obie. This system projects stimulating and therapeutic games for seniors onto a table, floor or wall. The games promote gentle physical activity, social engagement and problem-solving. Residents use their hand motions to play the games.

In the short time we have been using the system, the results have been so positive. Residents go from “passive” to highly “interactive” users. They are laughing, showing some competitive nature and simply enjoying themselves.



Special thanks to Linwell Gardens who reached out and donated Kalanchoes to all our residents earlier in January. The residents were pleasantly surprised and touched to receive the flowers. They certainly came at a time where we needed cheering up and simple pleasures that bring us joy. So grateful for our community at large who remember those who live in Long Term Care.



Being a Neighbour!

Wow, what a storm we had! We'll be hearing stories about it for a long time to come! Many have their own stories of being snowed in, and trying to dig out. Some of the best stories are those that demonstrate the helping hand that people showed to others who needed help. Some of our own staff at Tabor Manor went out of their way to shovel snow, and give rides to work, including our CEO, Tim Siemens, who also delivered pizzas to staff! That's caring devotion to our Radiant Care family, isn't it!

One story reported in the news had this intriguing headline; 'Port Dalhousie residents create makeshift gurney'. It mentioned that residents in Port Dalhousie who shoveled their sidewalk, put a Muskoka chair on some sleds, all to get their sick neighbour down the street to a waiting ambulance.' Now that's being a good neighbour!

Who is My Neighbor?

Remember the story of the Good Samaritan? Jesus was asked by a scribe about inheriting eternal life. Jesus pointed to the Law of God that states we are... 'to love God with all your heart, mind & strength, and your neighbour as yourself (something that's impossible on our own apart from Christ!). Jesus told him to do those things and live. Looking for loopholes, the scribe said, 'who then is my neighbor?' With that, Jesus told the story of The Good Samaritan. It highlights The Saviour's kind of love; a love that is selfless, sacrificial, compassionate and without prejudice or favoritism. Like the Good Samaritan, we are to treat anyone in need around us as our 'neighbour'! (Luke 10:25-37)

IT'S ALL ABOUT SACRIFICIAL SERVANTHOOD

For the Christian, our lives are to be characterized by sacrificial servanthood, Like The Good Samaritan. We are to show the love of God toward others by serving them & their needs, especially when in times of challenge or crisis.

What does it take? It takes a genuine heart of selfless love and compassion, caring for others and their needs, even beyond our own. The apostle Paul sent Timothy to help a struggling church because, 'I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.' (Philippians 2:20-22)

Our ultimate example of serving our 'neighbour' is Jesus Christ Himself. He said; 'The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' (Mark 10:45) His ultimate service for us was His sacrificial death for our salvation from sin and condemnation! A true 'Christ-follower' serves others in Jesus' name, and with His servant heart. The recent storm produced some wonderful examples of compassionate servanthood and 'neighbourly service'. But, for those who know the love of Christ, it shouldn't take a storm to reach out to others in need. Let's keep our eyes and ears and hearts open to see those 'neighbors' around us and help to meet their needs in The Master's Name!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Jim