



Dear Family & Friends of Dearness

With the Holiday Season upon us, we wanted to reach out and share some important information.

Resident Special Event - We are once again looking for donations for our Dearness Virtual Bazaar being held Tuesday December 14th! With the help of our Recreation Team & Volunteers we are again planning a fun, creative and interactive way for all Residents to 'shop' this season as we continue to honour COVID restrictions. Residents can keep and enjoy their item OR wrap up the item to give to family/friend.

Please leave Bazaar donations at Front Door Security. Item needs to be unwrapped and clearly marked that it is for the BAZAAR no later than Monday December 6th. Thank you so much for adding to the Festive Giving Spirit of the Season at Dearness!

SUGGESTED (new) ITEMS: *Movies DVD, Music CDs, Scarves, mittens, gloves, socks, Boxed chocolate (diabetic options), Toiletries (ladies/men), Lap/shoulder warmers, Watches (men's/lady's), Necklace sets (bracelets), Christmas ornaments/musical Santa's, Men's wallets, Purses*

Giving Tree Envelopes – The week of November 22nd brings tree trimming, decorating and lots of festivities to brighten the Home for the Holidays. Our Lobby Christmas Tree will stand as beautiful as ever to mark the holiday time. This year is going to look a little different but we hope to spread Holiday Cheer with our Annual Giving Tree as well. This tree represents residents and community clients who need a little extra love and help during these tough times. The Giving Tree is up November 22nd ~ so let us know if you want an envelope and we will make arrangements to get it to you. Thank you for your amazing generosity!

Visiting - It's hard to believe but the Holiday Season will soon be upon us. We now have over 480 Essential Caregivers (EC) coming into the Home!



Become An Essential Caregiver!

Please come and take the 1 hour class and you can visit anytime during visiting hours (no appointment necessary). With the cold weather and limited times to book a general visit due to limited resources and holidays ~ please call me to register! Did you know ECs are now limitless in number per resident (2 in the Home at a time).

Holiday staffing will need to alter the visits on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's, the Recreation Coordinators will be in touch with you personally if changes are needed. For General Visitors who must call 72 business hours in advance – **NOTE: Scheduling a General Visit for December 24th to January 4th inclusive need to be booked by December 21st.**

Holiday Hours for visiting will be the same as our regular hours as Christmas and New Years are on a weekend.

Visiting Hours = Daily 9am to 9pm

Testing Centre Hours:

Monday – Friday: Last test provided at 7:40pm

Weekends: Last test provided at 4:40pm

Testing Centre Breaks:

Sat & Sun - 10:45 to 11am and 1 to 1:30 pm

Weekdays –5 to 5:30 pm

Note: During breaks the Testing Center will be closed. Security will write down the names of anyone coming in (to give to Testing Centre staff after break) and check proof of vaccination before allowing essential caregivers or general visitors upstairs. People who are not double vaccinated and require testing will need to wait until the Testing Centre staff return.

Thank you for your continued support and care over the holidays and every day.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gilmour, Manager Community Life

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