



Media Release



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AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS: DURING A PANDEMIC

COVID-19 travel restrictions aren't slowing down Misericordia Place residents: Susan recently visited Hawaii, Geraldine has met Arctic polar bears and Hugh was on the coast of the Irish sea on St. Patrick's Day.

No, they aren't violating public health orders! Misericordia Place residents are VIRTUALLY walking, pedalling and wheeling their way to dream destinations around the world.

Susan's floor hosted a festive luau replete with Hawaiian music and mocktails, Geraldine video chatted with polar bear caretakers at the Assiniboine Park Zoo and Hugh FaceTimed with Dubliners!

Together, residents are hoping to travel 40,000 km - the distance required to circle the globe.

"Exercise plays an important role in residents' physical and mental well-being," explains recreation manager Jennifer Klos. "This COVID-friendly world-wide adventure is motivating residents to participate in therapy and fitness activities to reach their goals."

The residents' travel bug has also motivated Misericordia's Foundation to take flight.

"The Misericordia Foundation is excited to be raising funds for much-needed physiotherapy equipment for our residents," says Kris Gladwell, MHCF president and CEO. "Funds raised will support both long-term care residents and the health-care heroes who journey with them."

Interview opportunities:

Phone or virtual interviews: ask one of our residents about their travel adventure!

High res pictures and video of residents here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/esr95y6621m562e/AACwWKe-qJB1wzXuUD-Wra-na?dl=0>

Learn more:

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