

FAMILY UPDATE



November 2, 2021

Some exciting news!

Our residents now have a very cool piece of recreation equipment, a Tovertafel—the only one of its kind in Manitoba! Read the whole story of what it is and how it came to be at the bottom of this Family Update.

Flu and COVID-19 shots

We are happy to report many MP residents received their flu vaccine over the past two weeks to help protect themselves and others! As well, we distributed third COVID-19 vaccine doses on October 26 and November 2. I am very proud of our team as they accomplish these additional tasks to keep our residents safe.

Mass in the chapel

Sunday in-person mass is now happening in our chapel with the help of returning volunteers. To avoid mixing units, residents are able to attend on a three-week unit rotation. All units also show a mass at 1:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Pressure injury assessments at MP

As part of a WRHA study to help understand and prevent pressure injuries, each MP resident will be examined by a skin assessment team on November 18 to determine the number and severity of pressure injuries at MP. Two weeks later, on December 2, the process will be repeated. This assessment will provide important information to help us plan quality care for our residents.



Too cold for tables, but visits can happen indoors

Sadly, we removed the outside tables as the weather is getting colder. We will be ready for next summer with hopefully more furniture and spots to visit outside. For any visitors who want to continue to visit off the unit, please call Dave at 204-788-8440, Monday to Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., to make an appointment to book our visiting area (nun’s suite). The area is particularly useful if you want to visit with more than one person.

Remembering

This past week we had our Memory Service. Residents and staff gathered for a ceremony to recognize residents who have passed away over the past months.

Tover the Moon

In the height of the pandemic Misericordia Place residents embarked on a world-wide adventure, walking, pedaling and wheeling their way to virtual dream destinations around the globe. The Around the World in 80 Days campaign raised more than \$80,000 in order to purchase exercise therapy equipment and innovative technology for recreational activities. Winnipeg Canadian Tire Dealers generously donated \$40K—fittingly, the distance required to circle the world!

Recreation manager Jennifer tasked her staff with researching state-of-the-art technology—that wouldn’t typically be in their budget—to both engage and challenge Misericordia Place residents. MP3 facilitator Brianna requested a Tovertafel, or “Tover” for short, from the Netherlands. Misericordia Place is now home to the only Tover in Manitoba.

“This is quite possibly the coolest thing ever,” says Jennifer. “It’s a device mounted on the ceiling that projects games and experiences onto a tabletop that the residents interact with: it senses hand movements and reacts!”



Recreation manager Jennifer uses Tover with Irene

The Tover is loaded with goodies, from games to cognitive challenges: soccer, whack a mole, butterflies that float onto your hand, leaves fluttering from trees, gardens that need tending, fish and birds that need feeding, flowers that expand to the touch – you name it!

MP2 resident Irene, 89, is most enamoured with the music feature. Her hand slowly glides across the table, with a song playing every time a music note is touched. Her eyes light up and she visibly relaxes watching the notes circle the table.

“She used to play the piano,” explains her husband, Richard, who is visiting Irene. “This must bring back memories, you can see an immediate response.”

Irene is non-verbal, she doesn’t speak, so moments like these are extra special for Jennifer and her recreation team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Taylor".

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