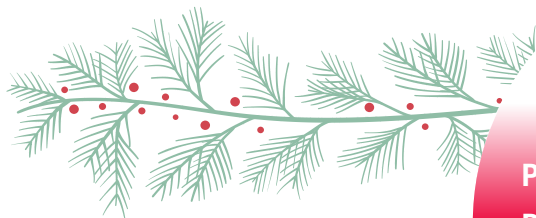




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A NEWSLETTER FOR MHC STAFF, PHYSICIANS & VOLUNTEERS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: PEACE AND JOY



Christmas is the perfect time to think about the things we are grateful for. This year—Misericordia's 125th Anniversary—gratitude feels especially fitting.

I've just finished handing out cookies to staff, volunteers and physicians at our Christmas dinners—cookies decorated to acknowledge the 125 years Misericordia has been delivering compassionate care. It was a wonderful opportunity for me to spend time with many of you!

During this holiday season at MHC we see Angel Squad angels waving along the Maryland Bridge, Santa ho-ho-ho-ing at tea with our residents, the Balmoral Hall students' Day of Giving, inspiring carols wafting through the halls, mouth-watering aromas of turkey dinners, many staff with festive wear and creative decorations throughout so many program areas.

Our values of caring, respect and trust are emulated during all these internal festivities! And I also want to acknowledge those we touch in the community—from preparing Christmas Cheer Board hampers for those in need, gathering warm winter wear to donate, sponsoring a local school family to other community-giving examples.

I hope you find peace, joy and gratitude throughout the holidays being with friends and family. I believe in cherishing the people in our lives and being thankful for them. I am thankful for all of you, my Misericordia Family, and I wish you and yours a wonderful season. In whatever ways you celebrate, I hope you will make some wonderful memories with the people closest to you.

Our corporation members, board of directors and senior leadership team join me in expressing our appreciation for your continued efforts in living our Mission and values.

Have a happy and healthy holiday season!

Caroline DeKeyster

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## THANK YOU, ANGELS!

Kris Gladwell, President & CEO  
MHC Foundation

Thank you so much to the host of Angels who joined us to celebrate MHC's 125th anniversary with this year's Angel Squad! With more than 100 angels lining the Maryland Bridge and plenty of photo-worthy décor, we certainly celebrated right and raised incredible awareness for this cherished campaign!

A massive thank you as well to our sponsors MacDon, Winnipeg Building & Decorating, and Qualico for their incredible support in ensuring this cherished event was able to take flight.



You were all so generous in participating in our Staff Angels raffle and we are so excited to share amazing prizes with this year's winners:

- Grand Prize Winner (half of the \$1,570 50/50 pot) – Lita Lopez-Shortill from PHCC
- Gift card #1 - \$100 gift card from Co-op – Paul Carr from Plant Services
- Gift card #2 - \$100 gift card from Co-op – Julie Galluzzo from Finance
- Gift card #3 - \$100 gift card from Cineplex – Nicole Perras from Recreation Services

Between the Staff Angels raffle and the overall Angel Squad campaign, our angelic sponsors, donors, and staff have combined to raise more than \$50,000 to support MHC's youngest patients this year. Thank you all, so very much, for donning your halos and helping us to spread some holiday cheer!

As always, thank you so much for everything you do. Best wishes for the holiday season!





**WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON**





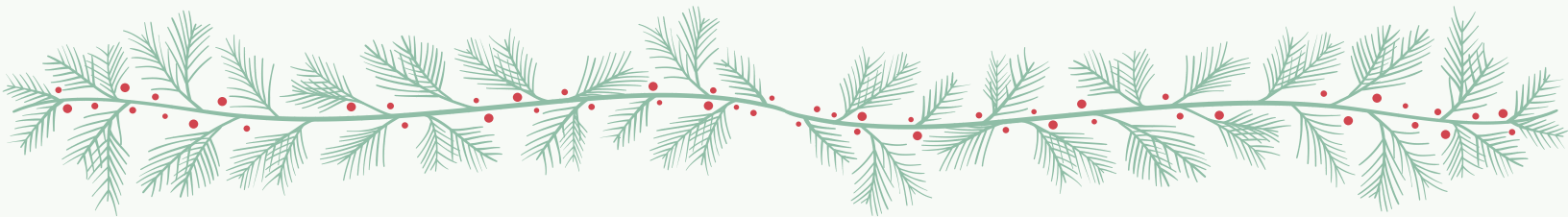
## ANGELS IN OUR MIDST



## CHRISTMAS DINNER AT MHC







## NEW HIRES

**Ana Tigno**, RN, MP3  
**Ayo Omisore**, HCA, C6  
**Bilane Ahmed**, HCA, MP2 float pool  
**Brett Zamolski**, ESA, Housekeeping  
**Daniel Muc**, CRN, CRT  
**Elliott Ehmann**, Grounds Assistant, Security  
**Erich Paul San Juan**, GLPN, MP2 float pool  
**Ethel Medenilla**, HCA, MP1/3 float pool  
**Gilda Rarang**, Diet Aide, Resident Food Services  
**Ha Nguyen**, ESA, Housekeeping  
**Ian Ambal**, HCA, MP2  
**Ines Glenda Carino**, RN, MP1 float pool  
**Ivy Topacio**, Diet Aide, Food Services  
**Jasmeet Sembhi**, Clerk, Health Information Services  
**Jizzel Bacalla**, RN, MP2  
**Katie Swan**, RN, Health Links – Info Santé  
**Liam Robertson**, Undergraduate Nursing Employee, C2 float pool  
**Marianne Jantz Olson**, RN, Health Links – Info Santé  
**Meghan Jackimec**, Clerk, Health Information Services  
**Shannon Brautigan**, RN, Health Links – Info Santé  
**Shelagh Grant**, RN, Health Links – Info Santé  
**Simranjeet Purba**, HCA, C5 Float Pool  
**Thea Nool**, LPN, C6 float pool  
**Veralyn Castro**, Patient Registrar, Patient Registration  
**Winta Andemariam**, HCA, C5 float pool

## RETIREEES

NONE



## 125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY QUIZ & DRAW

Staff had a chance to answer MHC 125 year anniversary quiz questions and be entered into a draw. How many of the answers do you know? (Answers at bottom of page)

- What year did the Misericordia Sisters arrive to begin their Mission to care for single mothers in Winnipeg?*  
a. 1898 b. 1900 c. 1998
- From the start, the Misericordia Sisters constantly provided training to potential Nursing students. The Misericordia School of Nursing opened its 3-year Registered Nurse Program in 1916 with the first class graduating in 1919. The school was closed in 1997. How many Nurses graduated from the Misericordia School of Nursing?*  
a. 902 b. 2147 c. 3506
- What buildings were built in 1957 with shares bequeath by Lady Shea of the Labatt Brewing Company?*  
a. Maryland North  
b. Cornish North and South  
c. Extensions added on the East and West of the Wolseley building  
d. All of the above
- What year was the Misericordia Foundation incorporated?*  
a. 1979 b. 1983 c. 1984
- What year did Misericordia Place personal care home open?*  
a. 2000 b. 2012 c. 2015
- The red Cross atop our Cornish building was erected and dedicated to?*  
a. Manitoba Government b. Misericordia Sisters c. Our community
- What year was Villa Rosa, a home for mothers and babies, established?*  
a. 1965 b. 1972 c. 1975
- Misericordia has had many roles and names over the last 125 years. What year did Misericordia become Misericordia Health Centre?*  
a. 1998 b. 2000 c. 2005
- An idea from a staff member to offer health advice to the public on the phone became Health Links – Info Santé, beginning with volunteer nurses and one telephone. What year did this program expand to become the Provincial Health Contact Centre.*  
a. 1996 b. 1999 c. 2004

ANSWERS: 1: a 2: c 3: d 4: b 5: a 6: a 7: b 8: b 9: c



Our very own Caroline DeKeyser made the draw and the lucky winner of the 125 year anniversary quiz draw and \$125 grocery gift card was Carolene Austria of the Provincial Health Contact Centre. Congratulations, Carolene!