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TOVER THE MOON

Misericordia Place PCH is home to the *only* “Tover” in Manitoba. What’s a Tover, you ask?

“It’s quite possibly the coolest thing ever because it combines innovative technology with meaningful sensory stimulation,” says recreation therapist Brianna Boyse, who recommended purchasing the Tover. “Essentially, it’s a device mounted on the ceiling that projects games and experiences onto a table top that residents interact with: it senses hand movements and reacts.”

The \$14K state-of-the-art Tovertafel or “Magic Table” from the Netherlands is designed to both engage and challenge long-term care residents. The Tover is loaded with goodies, from games to cognitive puzzles: soccer, whack-a-mole, butterflies that float onto your hand, gardens that need tending, fish and birds that need feeding, vibrant flowers that expand to the touch – you name it!

Resident Irene Bevan, 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 as she watches the notes circle the table.


“She used to play the piano,” explains her husband, Richard Bevan. “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 Boyse and the recreation team.

INTERVIEWS/PHOTO OP:

What: Tover demonstration with Misericordia Place residents

When: 10 a.m. November 15, 2021 (TODAY)

Where: Misericordia Place: enter 44 Furby Street entrance for screening. COVID-19 QR code and identification required.



The Tower was purchased through generous donations made to our Misericordia Health Centre Foundation. Fitting that today is National Philanthropy Day!

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