

Newsletter

Spring 2017



HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR FROM GRANDVIEW!

Over seventy-five Residents joined in our Grandview Towers Lunar New Year Celebration!



SENIORS LIFE TODAY.ORG

Baptist Housing has launched a new online community created for seniors to discover new interests, share hobbies and connect with each other. Seniorslifetoday.org provides links to a variety of topics from health and safety to housing and education.

Ask questions, join online discussions and play games; a great resource to share with family and friends. Take a look and send us your feedback!





HEROES OF ALL SIZES

Meet Hercules, our new pint-sized Team Member serving the Residents of Sun Pointe Village. He loves to cuddle on laps and provide hours of companionship. One day he began barking and quickly brought Team Members to a Resident in need. Just another reason why we love him!



NEW HOPE

Baptist Housing is proud to support New Hope Community Services Society. This local ministry helps refugees integrate into their new homes in the Lower Mainland.

New Hope also equips individuals during their transition with employment, housing and community resources.



#PINKSHIRTPROMISE

There is a place where Teamwork and Respect meet. It's a place where we build strong Teams; a place where in the humility of servant leadership, we value others above ourselves.

This is Baptist Housing. On Pink Shirt Day, we remind ourselves that our values are real and that every Team Member brings unique value to contribute to our mission. There is no room for bullying behaviour when we are living out our values. Would you stand with us and re-commit today to affirming the utmost importance of Respect and Teamwork in our workplace? •Marc Kinna | COO



#1000GIFTCHALLENGE

Teams across Baptist Housing are finding ways to celebrate gratitude as we approach Easter.

Windows are adorned with gratitude at Village at Smith Creek where our chaplain Jackie started a one thousand gift challenge. Over at Sun Pointe Village an In Memoriam Gratitude Tree has stars and hearts hanging from its boughs with personal reflections of gratitude. From Shannon Oaks to our Head Office, post it notes are sharing colourful celebrations of gratitude. Join our 1000 gift celebration - what are you grateful for today?

MUSIC & MEMORY

Our very own Rachel Lewis and Amanda Balsdon had another opportunity to speak about our involvement with the Music & Memory program during UBC Okanagan Embrace Aging Month.

Thanks to our major sponsor Interior Savings we had a wonderful video to share about our Residents' experience with this amazing program. With the use of personalized music, people living with health challenges find renewed meaning and connection.

We continue to appreciate the opportunity to share our knowledge and experience with our community - We've got the beat!

IN THE NEWS

A flurry of intergenerational activity benefits both students and seniors at Marrion Village where children often visit each month and participate in activities.

"Intergenerational programming is so important to all involved. When the kids and parents come to visit we have so much fun, share laughter and stories and create friendships," said Maria Tomlinson, Activity Coordinator." The therapeutic effect of the visit lasts for days afterwards and we all look forward to the next time we are together." The Residents of Marrion Village and the students routinely visit, we are happy to see young, exuberant faces." • Oak Bay News Victoria

THE HEIGHTS ON STAGE

Baptist Housing's Howard Johnson, CEO, and Dayle Krahn, VP of Property and Development had the opportunity to represent The Heights at Mt. View. Their most recent speaking engagement was during this year's Environments for Aging Conference. Attended by architects, interior designers and owners, Howard, Dayle and lead architect of ZGF Cotter Patrick Cotter co-presented on the design and outcomes of delivering person-directed care in a residential care environment.

The Heights at Mt. View continues to be of interest to those looking to build and transition to a new evidence-based design model of care in a home-like setting.