



## SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM CEO

Christmas is a time which builds excitement in children and the child-at-heart. The holiday invokes fear in many a husband who brave the stores on the 24th naively believing the perfect gift will be there. For some, it's event after event where they get their social fill with friends and family. Others long for the season to pass as quickly as possible. There is a newness of hope and inspiration in baby's first Christmas balanced with the sense of loss of experiencing the holiday for the first time without that loved one who passed this year. In other words, your version of the season is as normal as mine and anyone else's. We all have unique experiences.

Underneath it all, the reason for the season consistently waits in the background, eager to reveal himself to me in wonder, joy, hope, peace, and love. No matter how I am feeling going into the season, I always want to connect with the advent of Jesus and what that means to me. The music of Christmas, the opportunity to serve somewhere some way, and Christmas Eve service are traditions I treasure. What are yours? I wish for each of you, whether resident, team member, partner, or family member, that you will deepen your traditions and find new meaning this season. I pray that a spirit of joy will fall upon you. The angel in Luke 2 said it best: "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

Merry Christmas!

Marc Kinna  
President &  
Chief Executive Officer



## IT IS THE SEASON TO SPARKLE

Shannon Oaks Victoria had a magical Christmas Gala night! Amazing food and exceptional entertainment and even a friendly visit from Santa. What a joyful celebration with our residents and team members! We are very grateful for this wonderful community.





## A HUGE THANKS TO OUR HEART-FILLED VOLUNTEERS

It was a great success at our Shannon Oaks Christmas Open House on a Saturday afternoon. Residents were overjoyed with family time, sweets and hot chocolate. Phyllis, one of our new residents had this compliment, "It is wonderful! A warm and genuine atmosphere. Also, elegant. Just perfect. Who organized the volunteers? They are phenomenal".



## SAMARITAN'S PURSE AT EVERGREEN MANOR

Residents at Evergreen Manor, led by Al and Norma Lonneberg, packed and sent off 122 shoe boxes to Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child. Evergreen residents have been enthusiastically supporting this ministry for many years, the Lonnebergs themselves have been involved for ten to fifteen years. Samaritan's Purse sends nine million shoe boxes to children around the world every year and they estimate that one in every five children who receive a box, pray to receive Jesus as their Saviour! Special thanks to other residents Freda, Marina, Jan, Volker and Shaun. Their support helped further this mission through their altruism and selfless acts of kindness.



**ACCREDITATION**  
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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Evergreen Care received their accreditation through Accreditation Canada. Thank you for each and every team member who have been dedicated and committed in your role. We have demonstrated to our residents, families, and the community that we put seniors first in the delivery of excellence in care and service. Well done! We are proud to serve with you!







“Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection.” - Winston Churchill





*Merry Christmas to you all!*

FROM BAPTIST HOUSING FAMILY

