

Donwood Update

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Donwood Manor is sponsored and supported by the following Mennonite Brethren Churches in Winnipeg:

- Eastview
- Elmwood
- Fort Garry
- Mclvor Avenue
- North Kildonan
- Portage Avenue
- River East
- Westwood

You are invited

Donwood Manor
50th Anniversary
Fundraising Banquet

~ Monday, April 27 ~

For sponsorship
information and/or
tickets, please call
204-668-4410

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Milestone Reached

Donwood Manor is supported by several church congregations in providing a meaningful Sunday morning worship service to the seniors who call Donwood home.

This past month, Donwood and Eastview joined together to recognize the many volunteer hours that Geoff Massey has served on behalf of Eastview Community Church. Starting back in 2001, Geoff joined the Donwood Manor Board of Directors; serving for nine years. Soon after, Geoff also began volunteering to help coordinate Eastview's team of volunteers providing services at Donwood on a rotation shared with other church congregations. Geoff has blessed Donwood with several messages a year, often bringing with him a beautiful choir. There is something truly remarkable in today's society, where one person is consistently willing to "show up" for people, offering their time, their talents and their energy, for as long as Geoff has. On January 26th, Geoff preached his 100th sermon at Donwood Manor. As a token of gratitude, Geoff was presented with a new Bible on January 26th at the Donwood Chapel service and a presentation on February 6th during Eastview's Sunday morning service.



On January 26th, Geoff Massey preached his 100th sermon at the Donwood Manor Sunday morning worship service.

Pictured: Geoff and Pam Massey



Perogy Fundraiser

In support of the Donwood Manor Foundation



Orders must be placed by **March 30th, 2020**

Pick Up Dates:

April 22nd – 23rd between 9am – 3pm
Pick up at the Administration Office
171 Donwood Drive

Cottage Cheese Filling
\$8 per dozen (frozen)

To Place an Order:

Phone: 204-668-4410 ext 299

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Donwood Auxiliary

- Ellen Black
- Anne Funk
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- Ann Fehr
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- Agnes Olfert
- Luis Rempel
- Hildegard Thiessen
- Maria Toews
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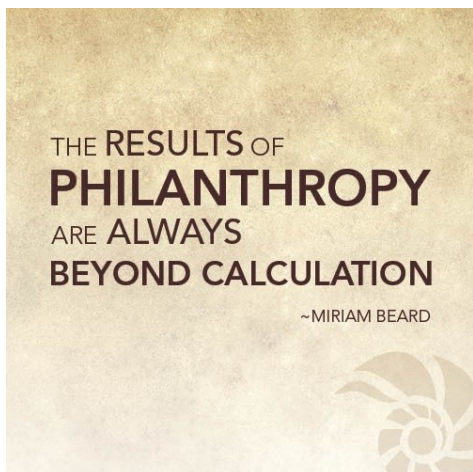
50 Reasons to Celebrate

The Donwood Board of Directors would like to invite you to join us as we celebrate Donwood Manor's 50th Anniversary at the annual Fundraising Banquet.

This year's event will take place at **Alloway Hall** at the Manitoba Museum, 190 Rupert Ave. Parking is available at several IMPARK parking lots as well as free parking on the surrounding streets.

We are very excited to have Juno award winning and fellow North Kildonan singer and song writer Steve Bell, share his musical talents with our guests through out the evening. Carolyn Klassen of Conexus Counselling, will be sharing the importance of community and community across generations, our theme for the evening. The delectable dishes served up by Bergmann's on Lombard will certainly be savoured by all.

For sponsorship details or to reserve your tickets please contact Donwood Manor at 204-668-4410. There is no cost for the tickets and a donation receipt will be issued for the eligible portion of your donation made that evening.



Commemorate 50 Years

Donwood Manor Foundation is publishing a commemorative book depicting Donwood's 50 years through, word and pictures. This is a limited edition publication. **To pre-order your \$30.00 hardcopy** please contact Donwood Manor at 204-668-4410 or info@donwoodmanor.org.

I. In The Beginning

Institutions, like individuals, have life stories that are worth recording and preserving for present and future generations. A good story includes success achieved, obstacles overcome, and mistakes made. A true story is instructive and heartwarming. The Donwood story traces the life of an institution dedicated to serving the elderly. It begins fifty years ago and describes Donwood's growth beyond its original site, initial capacity, and early health care capability. In 2020, after half a century, the story is still unfolding.



On July 17, 1970 Donwood Manor opened its doors and admitted its first residents. By March 1971 all 81 beds in this newly-constructed personal care home were occupied and forty names remained on the waiting list.

The word "Donwood"—taken from Donwood Drive—is applied to a number of establishments built by Mennonite Brethren churches in Winnipeg during the 1970s and 1980s to provide for the elderly. The first was Donwood Manor, a personal care home (PCH). The second, the Elderly Persons Housing Facility (EPHF), was attached to the PCH. The EPHF was intended for seniors who were still able to live independently. Donwood South was next, its apartments also intended for independent living. Donwood West, a 55-plus life lease condo was the last to be built. Valhalla Care, an existing life lease condominium, was later placed under Donwood management.

A snap shot of the Donwood Manor
50th Anniversary Book.

Donwood Auxiliary

The Donwood Auxiliary is comprised of members from the Mennonite Brethren churches supporting Donwood. This energetic group of volunteers meets monthly at Donwood Manor for their business meetings. Following the meetings, they host a 'Tea and Visiting' program, where they enjoy serving refreshments and connecting with the residents of the Personal Care Home.

Well-known to the community-at-large, is Donwood's famous **Perogy Fundraiser**. On April 8th, Auxiliary members will roll and pinch well over 2000 perogies, which are then sold by the dozen for all to enjoy.

Perogies are Cottage Cheese Filled and \$8.00 a dozen. To place an order please:
Phone: 204-668-4410, ext. 299 or
Email: shauna.wear@donwoodmanor.org.



"A
village
without the
elderly
is like
a well
without
water."

- African Proverb



Please consider sharing your love for Donwood Manor by making a gift to the Foundation.

Donations can be made at:
www.donwoodmanor.org

Officially Launched

On Wednesday, January 15, Donwood officially launched a year of celebration for our 50th year of faithful caring.

Donwood has been blessed with amazing supporters both past and present. The afternoon saw many special guests join in the celebration of hot chocolate, dainties and fancy cookies showing off the 50th Anniversary logo.



Two of the past CEO's came to support Nina Labun, CEO of Donwood Manor Inc and John Janzen, Board of Director's Chair, as they shared about the past, present and future vision of Donwood. Raquel Dancho, MP Kildonan-St. Paul, stopped in to show her support and included our celebration year in her opening remarks on Parliament Hill.

Check this out: <https://www.facebook.com/RaquelDancho/videos/201141581005779/>

Several staff, both past and present, families and residents came to check out the 50th Anniversary Swag, now available for purchase. One of the current Donwood residents said it best, "Donwood is the PEOPLE!" It was evident to all by the amount of support Donwood received that day. Thank you for being part of the journey.



Nina Labun, CEO Donwood Manor Inc, centre, with Past CEO's Helmuth Klassen (left) and Les Janzen (right)

Donwood Manor SWAG

Here at Donwood we thought one year of celebration was just not long enough, so what better way to keep the celebration going; Donwood SWAG. We have a great selection of Donwood clothing, mugs and journals for sale. Prices range between \$15-\$75 dollars and include GST.

Purchase can be made at the front reception at 171 Donwood Drive, Monday to Friday between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm OR email info@donwoodmanor.org.



Donwood SWAG - Available for purchase.



KNITTING WITH NEIGHBOURS
Tuesday, March 5 & 19, 2020

AUXILLARY MEETING
Wednesday, March, 18, 2020

50TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING BANQUET
Monday, April 27, 2020

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DONWOOD MANOR *50th Anniversary*

FUNDRAISING BANQUET



"A village without the elderly
is like a well without water."
- African Proverb

Monday, April 27, 2020

Reception 5:30-6:30pm | Dinner 6:30pm

190 Rupert Avenue | ALLOWAY HALL AT THE MANITOBA MUSEUM

GUEST SPEAKER — CAROLYN KLASSEN, CONEXUS COUNSELLING

FEATURING SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY STEVE BELL

TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS:

Phone: 204-668-4410

Email: foundation@donwoodmanor.org



Donwood Manor Foundation is a charitable organization. Donation receipts will be issued for the eligible portion of your donation.