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FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Donwood Manor Foundation Newsletter

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Words to fill the Soul

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FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR



Our church recently had a sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit. In the sermon on faithfulness, Pastor Carl spoke about how, our spiritual life is like the game of golf - to be successful we need to have good follow-through. He also highlighted Eugene Peterson's book, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*. Faithfulness applies to many aspects of our Christian walk, and I couldn't help but think about our shared commitment to the residents of Donwood and their families. Managing through the initial days of the COVID-19 pandemic was very challenging. On the other hand, our online 'banquet' event was a great encouragement, when so many of you tuned in, listened to our story and donated. Those initial days seem like a long time ago now. But we, as a community of faithfulness continue to serve our residents, and tackle the ongoing challenges that come our way. Our residents and their families are at a vulnerable stage of life, and our service and witness help draw them towards salvation. There are big moments in the journey but it is more about a long obedience in the same direction. Thank you for your ongoing support for the seniors who call Donwood home.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control."

Galatians 5:22



A Different Slice...of Pie!

SUPPORTED BY THE DONWOOD AUXILIARY

One thing we are certain of is Covid-19 has changed the face of special events for 2020. Donwood Manor Foundation's well-liked Soup & Pie event is another casualty of the pandemic; however, we still want to share a slice of pie with our supporting community.



Each fall, the Donwood Auxiliary's Soup & Pie event sees well over 200 guests who enjoy homemade soup and pie as well as great conversation around the table. This year, we wanted to still give the community the opportunity to support the Foundation by participating in a new way. For 2020, we are asking our supporters to join us at the virtual table and purchase a slice of virtual pie. Each piece will be added together to make a full pie and will be put up on our 171 Donwood Drive second floor window. Our hope is to fill the window with a table full of pies. A slice of pie is \$10 or a whole pie (eight slices) for \$75.00. A tax receipt will be issued for all donations \$20.00 or more.

Your slice of pie can be purchased at:

<https://donwoodmanor.org/events> or you can mail your donation to Donwood Manor Foundation, 171 Donwood Drive, Wpg, MB R2G 0V9.

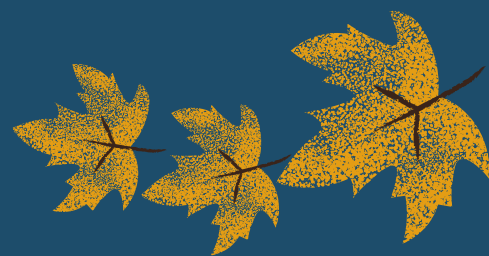
Soup & Pie Fundraising Campaign runs for the month of October.

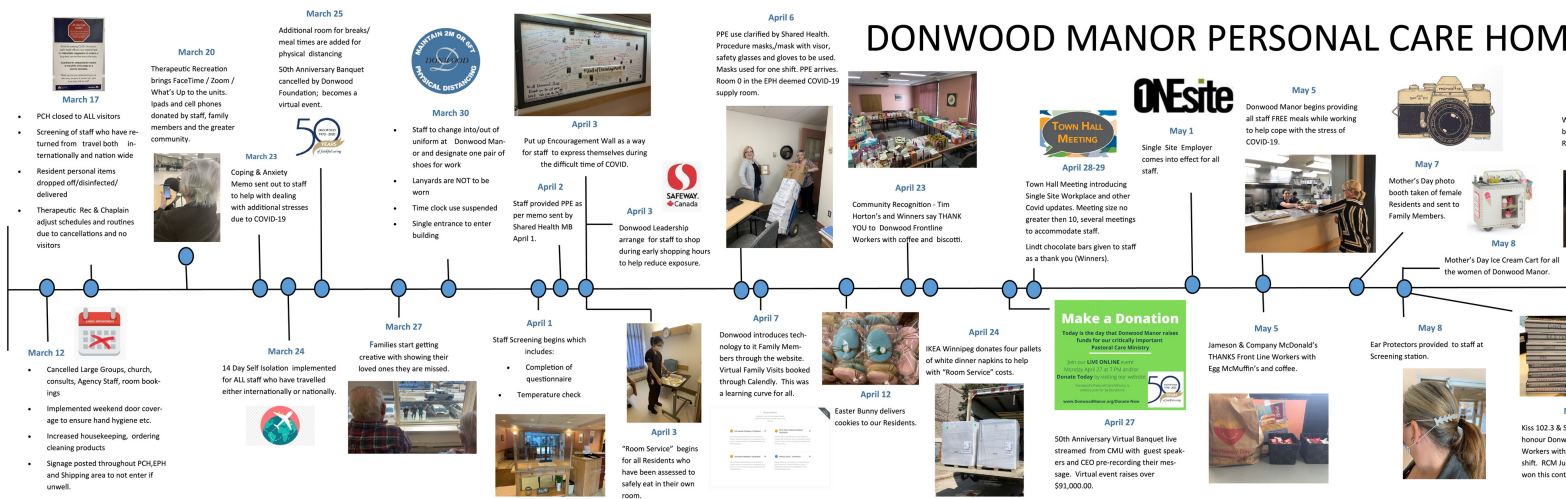


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FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Since the first Soup & Pie event more than 20 years ago, this fundraiser has raised several thousands of dollars. These monies granted the Auxiliary the ability to purchase many needed items for the Donwood Manor Personal Care Home that were not covered by Manitoba Health. This commitment from both the Auxiliary and the community at large has been a huge blessing to the Residents of Donwood. Thanks for enjoying a slice of pie...or two and for being part of this amazing fundraiser.





Mapping Out COVID-19

Since March 12, it has been all things COVID-19 here at Donwood Manor. We have been required to pivot and pivot again throughout the last seven months. This July, we took the time to plot a pictorial timeline of everything COVID at Donwood, it has been a great reminder of all that has transpired. The Foundation blessed the staff with little reminders of a job well done and a thank you for all that they do.

Walk through our timeline with us as we continue to navigate the new normal.

2 PETER 1:5-7

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.



Standing Tall

BY NINA LABUN, RN, MN, CHE
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Over the past nine months, there has been no such thing as "business as usual" for most of the world and Donwood is no exception. We have had to pivot more times than most can even remember.

Through it all, we, have felt your prayers and His mercy and grace; for that we are eternally grateful.

The realities of the pandemic surfaced at one of our other buildings recently and with a snap of finger we pivoted. The load seemed to get heavier as we navigated something totally new, not just to us, but to Public Health as well.

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A Piece of History

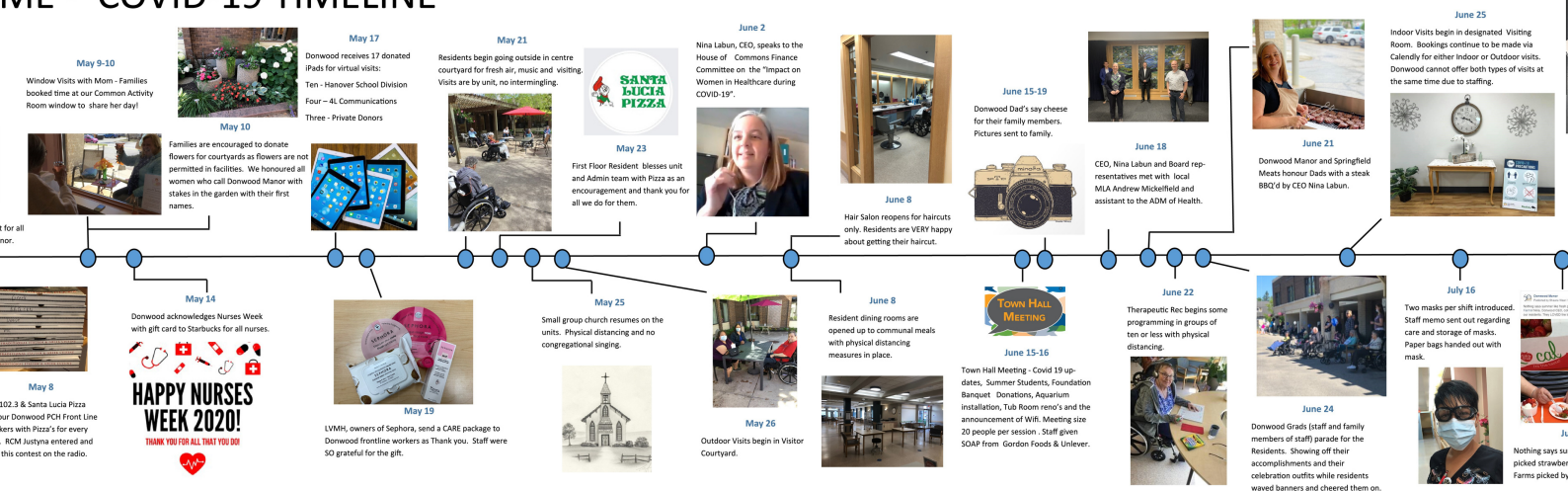
The Donwood Story

Celebrating 50 years of caring for seniors with dignity, respect and christian values

Books are available for purchase and are \$30 plus \$10 shipping. Due to COVID-19 books cannot be picked up at this time.

To order *The Donwood Story* please visit our website at: <https://donwoodmanor.org/events> where you can purchase book through PayPal or contact us at info@donwoodmanor.org or by phone at 204-668-4410.

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Standing Tall continued

In the midst of one of many meetings, Lisa Enns, Donwood Chaplain shared an email from Gerry Ediger, Professor Emeritus. God's timing is always perfect as Gerry's message was this:

There's a word that I learned in seminary that comes to mind. It is used in 2 Peter 1:5-7 in a list of practices - gifts - that are commended to us in times of persistent challenge.

The word that I treasure is "hupomone" - really, a compound word: "hupo" and "mone" or, "standing up" and "under a load". It invites us to stand still, straight and steadfast, upright under a load that probably will not soon be lifted.

To turn the kaleidoscope slightly on this picture, I'm thinking now of portaging a canoe through bush to a lake that I have not ever visited before and that, so far, I cannot yet glimpse through the trees ahead. The point is that there is no option but to press forward, firmly upright under the load, until that unknown, unseen lake comes into view.

I pray for you and for all your fellow ministers at Donwood much "hupomone" these days.

Although the lake is not yet in our sight, together we carry this load. We continue to covet your prayers as we travel the road of COVID-19. We are truly blessed here at Donwood Manor, as our staff have been nothing but remarkable under the load.

