— Your Dundas Manor Dream —

NOTHING FEELS AS GOOD AS HOME

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Smiles All Around

The caring team at Dundas Manor wants to inspire happiness and joy - every day. In fact, it's part of their commitment to the residents. In this issue of Your Dundas Manor Dream, we thought we'd share this month's calendar with you. Wow! Each month's calendar is chock full of things to do every day. And the residents have a say in what's happening.

Life at Dundas Manor is all about living. From venturing out to the South Mountain Fair to a toe-tapping fiddler in the living room, there's always something happening. And for those residents who don't want to – or can't – travel too far, the team brings the fun to them.

"We hope our programs bring laughter, enjoyment, relaxation, independence, an opportunity to share, to learn, to recall - and most importantly, we encourage some good old-fashioned fun!" sums up Jennifer Hill, Activity Programs and Services Director.

The new Dundas Manor will provide even more opportunities for happiness and joy – and more events to add to the calendar! The Dundas Manor Board of Directors is working incredibly hard to see that the construction starts by the end of this year.



Why I'm Giving

We are so grateful to everyone who has donated to the Expanding the Circle of Compassionate Care campaign to date. We love talking with you and finding out what inspired you to give. Here are three of the many stories.



"As life-long residents of South Dundas, we have had the privilege of being involved in many aspects of the community, meeting many people along the way. We know the importance of giving back to our community and are pleased to support the redevelopment of Dundas Manor. With an aging population, it is vital that we have a long-term care home in Dundas County, and the current building no longer meets the needs of the residents and staff – they deserve a new home to live and work in."

- David and Dianne Lapier



"The Morrisburg Lions Club was happy to donate \$10,000 to the Dundas Manor building fund, profits from our Catch the Ace fundraiser. We made an additional \$10,000 in donations from money raised at our Docksyde Canteen, which our Lions Club operates during the summer months at the waterfront in Morrisburg.

- Morrisburg Lions Club



O'Farrell Financial Services was founded in 1997 by Dermid and Donna Lee O'Farrell. From the beginning, the company has grown steadily each year and continues to serve our clients and our local communities. In 2022, we celebrated our 25th year in business, with five office locations across Eastern Ontario and a dedicated Team of more than 35 employees. At O'Farrell Financial, we provide financial and estate planning services to help our clients live the life they want today and secure the legacy they want for tomorrow.

In our 25th year of business, O'Farrell Financial Services continues to support our local communities through the launch of the O'Farrell Legacy Fund which supports local initiatives and organizations. Through the Legacy Fund, O'Farrell Financial Services has committed to support the Dundas Manor over the next 10 years. As a company, we are driven to serve the communities in which we work, through volunteering with local organizations and associations, assisting with events, and supporting and promoting local initiatives throughout the year. The Dundas Manor is an important project to our community and we as a Team are very pleased to be supporting this project.

- O'Farrell Financial Services

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU

Because you have generously supported the new Dundas Manor, and because we are closing in on the second year of our Campaign, we would like to celebrate!

Your name has been automatically entered into a free draw to win one of two gift baskets with locally sourced items. If you are one of the winners, we will get in touch with you to let you know and make arrangements for pick up or delivery.



Meet Our Team

Our volunteer Campaign Cabinet members are passionate about their community and Dundas Manor. Here's your chance to meet two of them! In this issue, we hear from Bill Smirle and Joan Farlinger.



Where do you live?

I live in Morewood. I grew up here with my three sisters on my parents' farm, lived there since before the middle of the last century, and built my own home here in 1974 where my wife and I raised our four children.

What is your connection with Dundas Manor or local health care?

I remember when the Winchester Hospital was built and opened in 1948. My four kids were born there, I have been well cared for there and I have always been a supporter. In the early 2000s, I was on the WDMH Board for nine years, including three as Chair. Carleton (Mike) McInnis and I co-chaired a very successful fundraising campaign. Each year, I review how I can financially assist WDMH and then I do so. I have been a member of the Dundas Manor Board since the Manor was purchased and changed from a "for profit" to a "notfor-profit" home about ten years ago. As well, I continue to serve as a member of the Executive (Vice Chair, Chair and currently Past Chair). Over the years, I have had relatives and friends who have been exceptionally well cared for during their final years by a team that is second to none. And each year I look for ways to assist both financially and by volunteering.

Why did you join the campaign cabinet?

I enjoy being a member of a group that is dedicated to improving our local health care. I firmly believe that those that built and all who live in this community are deserving of, and should have, the excellent facilities and care.

What is your main message for potential donors?

I love sharing the good news about our Manor and hearing how well it is perceived by residents, families and visiting Ministry officials. We have a tradition of care and caring and we need your financial support to make our very necessary home a reality.

What will you do on opening day?

I will join the cheering people of our community as our residents move into one of the most outstanding long-term care homes in North America!

Where do you live?

I live between Morrisburg and Iroquois on the beautiful St. Lawrence River.

What is your connection with Dundas Manor or local health care?

As a Past President of the WDMH Board, I was asked to join the Dundas Manor Board with the hopes of building a new Dundas Manor. After serving on the Board for seven years, I retired to spend more time volunteering with our Hospital Auxiliary.

Why did you join the campaign cabinet?

When I was asked to join the Cabinet Committee to fundraise for a new Dundas Manor, I was extremely excited to know that this project was a step closer to becoming a reality.

What is your main message for potential donors?

Talking to potential donors in the community is both exciting and rewarding as we learn about their family, interests, and major concerns about our health care system. I'm sure to tell them that we definitely need a new Dundas Manor to replace the present structure that is below the standards set by the provincial government. Despite this, during the pandemic, the quality of care given to residents far exceeded that in many other homes. We have a dedicated and caring staff that go above and beyond in every area. The activities team finds interesting and challenging projects to keep their residences active and challenged. The new Dundas Manor will be a 'state of the art' facility that will be the first choice of every resident because of the exceptional quality of care it provides.

What will you do on opening day?

On opening day, I'd like to be a greeter at the front door.



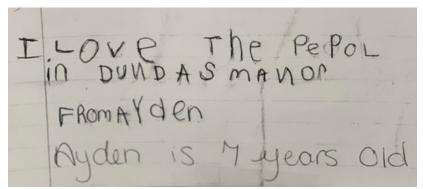
Happiness and Joy



Happy Birthday Dundas Manor! As we kick off 2023, Dundas Manor is also kicking off its 45th birthday celebrations. There are some fun things planned throughout the year.

Dundas Manor is also celebrating the new Resident Council Leadership Team. The Council is involved in every aspect of the home, from planning menus to sitting on hiring committees for senior staff. All residents can participate. "Our Leadership Team format ensures everyone has a say," explains Administrator Susan Poirier. "We spread the responsibility of chairing meetings, sitting on committees, and working with our senior team on various projects. It's exciting to have this important input."

And we want to share this sweet message from young Ayden. His Mom works in the Activity department!





Come for a Tour

To really appreciate the beautiful new rooms, we want to show you the current ones – in person and with your own eyes. We want to show you what you and your gift are going to change. And we are excited for you to meet some of our residents, staff, and volunteers.

If you would like to book your tour right away, please reach out to Cindy Ault Peters at 343-572-6345.

Please note there are still some restrictions in place at Dundas Manor. You must show proof of double vaccination and must successfully pass a screening questionnaire. An approved mask is required. You will also be given a nasal swab. Results typically take 15 minutes.

Let's Keep the Conversation Going

We want to keep you up to date with future issues of Your Dundas Manor Dream.

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