

— YOUR DUNDAS MANOR DREAM —

NOTHING FEELS AS GOOD AS HOME



Spring 2023

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 hearing your stories and finding out what inspired you to give. In this issue, we want to share some of those stories – starting with Sandra and Bob Weagant below. And then, please turn to page 3 to meet more of our community donors.

Meet Sandra and Bob Weagant from South Mountain

"Our connection to Dundas Manor goes back many years because several of our close relatives have made their home there. The reason we got involved with the Dundas Manor campaign and made a donation was simple. We want to help make a difference by seeing a new modern up-to-date home for residents and staff built in our community.

Over the past few months, we've enjoyed talking to people who care about the welfare of their fellow men and women and want to help build a better place to live for those who have made this community what it is today. Our main message: Residents receive love and care from the Dundas Manor staff, but the building is very old, and we need to build a new one. We know that our donations – and many others – will make a difference.

Who knows? In the future we may live in this facility ourselves and we need it to be safe and up to the current standards. We see a new fresh modern facility with more space, a window for everyone, and happy friendly staff. And we can't wait for the big party with the whole community celebrating 'A New Dundas Manor'!".



We've Got Some Really Good News!

Let's start with the many individuals, groups and businesses who have already stepped up to support the new Dundas Manor. Each of you has made a difference for the current and future residents who call Dundas Manor home. We couldn't have reached this phase of the campaign without you!

We are also grateful to those who served on our Campaign Cabinet and shared their time, expertise and passion in getting our campaign off the ground. Thank you to each of these committed and hard-working community volunteers.

So now for some amazing news that we wanted you to be the first to hear about! This month, we are going public with the Expanding the Circle of Compassionate Care campaign. We will be inviting our entire community to be part of this amazing dream. In doing so, we hope everyone will be inspired to give, just as you did. Watch for newspaper and radio ads, lawn signs, and much more. The great news keeps going! The community portion of the campaign has been reduced from up to \$22 million to \$18 million and we are already more than halfway there!! Because of you and many other donors, over \$11 million has been donated for the new home. Thank you!

And more good news! We are now expecting to see shovels in the ground to start building the new Dundas Manor before the fall. It will be a wonderful day to see those bulldozers on site! And, of course, we simply cannot wait for moving day, and seeing everyone settled into their new home that you helped build.



Nancy
Campaign Co-Chair



Laurie
Campaign Co-Chair

Even With an Old Building, the Care is Exemplary



For the third time in a row, Dundas Manor has been awarded Accreditation with Exemplary Standing from Accreditation Canada. This is the highest level of Accreditation and is awarded to organizations that go beyond the requirements and demonstrate excellence in continuously improving resident care.

Gail Beking isn't surprised. She sees the amazing care that is provided every day to residents – including her father, Allan Murray. In fact, Gail can't contain her enthusiasm: "Dundas Manor is excelling at their job. Dad would not be walking, if not for the physiotherapy. Dad would not be eating, bathing and toileting himself, if not for the help of the food services, nursing, and personal support worker teams. He would not be going to the activities, if not for the activities team and the behavioural support team encouraging him to do so. He would not be sleeping in a nice clean room and bed, if not for the housekeeping team. This home would not function as well, if not for the ability of the administrative team to constantly communicate effectively with residents and their families. Dad has thrived in this environment, and I can say with confidence and gratitude that Dundas Manor deserves the recognition it has received. Congratulations!"

The surveyors noted: "Staff members are caring, compassionate, and committed to residents and families they serve. And residents and families told us of their high regard for the leadership and staff – and expressed gratitude. Finally, community partners hold a positive opinion of the home, believing that people are treated with dignity and respect, and the organization has an excellent reputation within the community."

Why I'm Giving - Part 2!

Every donor is special - and we want to celebrate each of you. By sharing donor stories, we highlight your generosity and also inspire others to join in the dream. Here are a few more of your fellow donors who have already provided support to build the new Dundas Manor.



Rotary Club of Chesterville & District

Committed to Service Above Self, the Rotary Club of Chesterville & District has given two generous donations to help build the new the Dundas Manor. One gift of \$2,500 was from the proceeds of their 2022 Duck Race – a popular event! The second donation of \$650.25 was from their Happy Dollars. At their meetings, Rotarians are encouraged to give a cash donation in honour of something that makes them happy. Such a wonderful idea and a beautiful example of service above self to help the current and future residents of Dundas Manor!

Hulbert-Valley United Church

The saying goes that 'when one door closes another always opens'. In 2021, the Hulbert-Valley United Church was sold, and the congregation chose to give a portion of the proceeds to the WDMH Foundation - \$49,574.61 in all! "The services provided by Winchester District Memorial Hospital and Dundas Manor are valuable and necessary in our community," they noted. "The congregation of Hulbert-Valley United Church are not only deeply grateful for your vision, but also pleased to help support your cause."



RTOERO – Retired Teachers of Ontario

The amazing team at RTOERO (Retired Teachers of Ontario) District 25 Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry had a vision to advocate for older adults to create a more secure and compassionate future for everyone. When they heard about the new building project for Dundas Manor, they were all in.

They turned to the RTOERO Community Grants program to help. "RTOERO Districts are eligible to receive grants of up to \$2,500 for community projects that align with strategic goals," explains Rich Prophet, RTOERO Board Chair.

"We submitted an application and were thrilled with the grant," says Delores Bidy, President, District 25 Stormont Dundas Glengarry. "We care about the health of our local communities and are excited to support the work of the WDMH Foundation."

But the local team didn't stop there. District 25 then matched the \$2,500 grant, bringing the total to \$5,000 overall!



Please Save the Date

As we start talking more about the Expanding the Circle of Compassionate Care campaign, we will also start announcing some events to raise awareness and funds. These are wonderful opportunities for our community to come together to celebrate the wonderful care provided at Dundas Manor and the exciting opportunities ahead.

Please mark your calendar for these two signature events coming this fall:



The Grand Parade – Saturday, September 16th

We invite everyone to join us at The Grand Parade which is a national event celebrating seniors. This is an old-fashioned walk-a-thon and we encourage you to register, solicit pledges and support the new Dundas Manor. We will be making an official announcement about the event shortly.



In the last issue, we told you about a draw to win two gift baskets with locally-sourced items. It was our way of saying thank you to you! Congratulations to the lucky winners - Lorne and Marion Finnis and John and Diane Van Zeeland. Thank you for your generous support!

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. An approved mask is required.

Let's Keep the Conversation Going

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

Please visit www.dundasmanordream.ca to read previous issues. If you would rather not receive it, please contact Cindy Ault Peters at 343-572-6345 or cpeters@wdmh.on.ca.