



Upcoming Events For 2019/2020

**Spiritual Care
Fundraising Dinner**
September 23, 2019

Dankfest
October 20, 2019

Spring Tea
May 3, 2020

**75th Anniversary
Home Coming**
June, 18, 2020

**75th Anniversary
Celebration Dinner**
September 25, 2020

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Thank you Donors!

Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, The Bethania Group is able to continue to enrich the lives of our Residents and Tenants by providing compassionate, outstanding long-term care and affordable housing for seniors along with Spiritual Care, beautiful therapeutic gardens, recreation activities, music/entertainment, pet programs, new medical equipment, building renovations and more.

Keep reading to learn about the great work we did this year because of you!

What was raised this year – April 1, 2018- March 31, 2019

This year because of your support, the Bethania Mennonite Memorial Foundation raised \$349,031 and have spent \$335,027 with the remaining allocated for improvements to come. These funds support the many programs and services that do not receive government funding or can not be covered by operating dollars.

Building on a Foundation of Excellence

By Henry Neudorf, Board Chair

I have been volunteering as the Board Chair for the Bethania Group for over 6 years. The reason I became involved was the history, the mission and the excellence in compassion. Once I was involved, it proved all that and more; I am proud of the foundation of engaged staff, physicians, volunteers and donors and strongly believe that the Bethania Group has all the elements to continue to succeed. We are leaders in research, education, supporting seniors in the community with affordable housing and providing compassionate personal care services.

What makes us different is that our staff, volunteers and donors go “above and beyond” and that comes from the heart!

I am grateful to each and every one of our donors, you have helped make a significant difference in the care we are able to provide to our residents, tenants and community. I look forward to connecting with donors and having the opportunity to thank you personally for your support.

Spiritual Care

The spiritual care program is at the heart of Bethania and Pembina Place. Being in long-term care comes with significant spiritual needs. Our chaplains at Bethania Mennonite Personal Care Home and Pembina Place Mennonite Personal Care Home provide daily support to residents, their families, staff and coordinate a host of church and community volunteers to offer weekly services and programs.

Our spiritual care programs cannot exist without the generous support of our volunteers and donors, as the government does not provide funding for spiritual care.

In addition, this year we were able to have the Grand Piano in the Bethania Chapel refurbished!

At Pembina Place, we purchased a computer for church services. This provides opportunities for Residents to watch Bethel Church services via livestreaming, and a good resource for recreational programs.



Recreation

While a variety of programs are offered at the homes, additional funding enhances the success of the programs offered. Such as supplementing the cost of the transportation and admission fees for volunteers assisting residents on community outings. The use of technology such as an iPod and iPad continue to be a significant resources for the recreation staff to engage residents in conversation and reminisces. Donations towards the Annual Family Day give us the opportunity to add additional attractions and activities.

This year at Bethania we were able to purchase a new Shuffleboard table!

At Pembina Place additional entertainment that is family sponsored gives the Residents an opportunity to have good quality performers that we would not typically be able to afford. We also purchased a new Piano and portable microphone and speaker!

Bethania Pet Program

The warmth and unconditional love of an animal has many health related and emotional benefits. The home acknowledges the important role pets play in many residents' lives. Bethania is home to two cats, birds and many fish! Throughout the year, donations have provided the cats with good quality cat food, veterinarian expenses and grooming. Donations have also contributed to the overall upkeep of the birds, fish aquariums and the maintenance of the outdoor pond.

Our achievements have been many, but our need is still great. We need your help to continue to offer the best care for the community.



Spiritual Care Fundraising Dinner 2018

The Spiritual Care Fundraising Banquet was held on September 24th, 2018 at the Douglas Mennonite Church with "Three to One" as the entertainment. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated towards Bethania and Pembina Place Mennonite Personal Care Homes Spiritual Care program. The event was a huge success and we raised \$31,396. We receive no government funding for spiritual care, so donor support is vital. Your financial gifts enable us to continue to offer all our programs and services to our residents, their families and our staff as we continue our commitment to minister to the whole person.



Resident Care & Comfort

Thank you to all the families who supported the Resident Furniture program this year as it is a major need at the Personal Care Homes.

By purchasing new furnishings to upgrade the room furniture for your loved one, you have also made a "legacy gift", which will be enjoyed by future residents for years to come.

Here is the link to our Resident Furniture Program Brochure:

<http://bethania.ca/donations/resident-furniture-program/>

This year we purchased medical equipment for each PCH; an oxygen saturation machine for Bethania MPCH and a Doppler for Pembina Place MPCH.

Bethania was also able to purchase a sleeper chair for families to use during the end of life period for their loved one.

From a Dream to Reality

Bethania's Well & Fish Pond Project

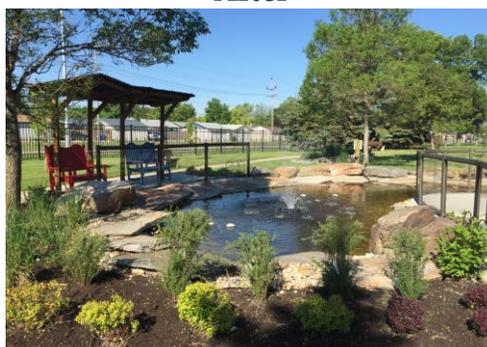
Bethania's old well had collapsed and was not functioning for the past several years. The well was connected to an irrigation system that helped water the gardens and was also used to fill the pond. Getting the well up and running was the first and crucial step of the project, as nothing else could be accomplished without the well in place. Having our own private water supply for watering our grounds, gardens, and filling the pond will greatly benefit our budget's bottom line! The pond was totally reconstructed, adding vegetation surrounding the pond, more viewing decks, pergola and koi fish. When asked why Gerry Kuik started this project, this is what he had to say, "It was time to say "thank-you" to the Bethania Mennonite community for the many years of dedicated and faithful service they have provided to the many in need."

Bethania Mennonite Personal Care Home would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Gerry Kuik and the Resident Planning Committee for the foresightedness of their ambitious "Well & Fish Pond Project" and a heartfelt "Thank you!" to the many donors; Residents, Families and Community Supporters who made this dream a reality.

Before



After



Therapeutic Gardens

The gardens have therapeutic value and contribute a great deal to the well-being and quality of life of residents. In recent years there is mounting scientific evidence showing that gardens and gardening are therapeutic; so far, this has not resulted in sufficient funding to maintain personal care home's gardens in bloom.

Bethania Gardens

Families of Residents and friends of Bethania Gardens have adopted a flowerbed either in early spring, donating planting stock and/or gardening labor, or by making financial donations towards keeping Bethania's therapeutic gardens growing!

This year a park bench was added in memory of Helen Voss.



Pembina Place Courtyard / 285 Pembina Hwy.



Shiny New Kitchen at Kingsford Haus

Kingsford Haus is one of Bethania Groups Senior Independent Living buildings located at 426 Kingsford Ave. We received a bequest donation from a tenant Nellie Buhler to renovate the kitchen at Kingsford Haus where she lived for many years.

Nellie Buhler was a caring, compassionate and faithful woman. She passed away on October 12, 2016 at the age of 91.

Thank you to Nellie Buhler and her family!

To honor Nellie a plaque will be erected near the kitchen.



Volunteers are the heart of Bethania Group

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers, we could not do our good work without you.

A Volunteer Appreciation Poem

The key to our success rests in people like you, who embody the Spirit of greatness by saying "Yes I can, and you can too!"



If you have any questions or would like to make a donation contact Kim McMillan, Senior Administrative & Fundraising Coordinator for the Bethania Group at 204-667-0795.