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From the Desk of the ED



Spirit Award Winners 2012
Almerinda Takahashi, Grace Arnedo, Irina Kurpatova
and Shantha Joseph

In this issue, we are recognizing our Spirit Award winners. The Spirit Award is given to individuals who are recognized by their colleagues as excellent role models and champions of the Wexford's mission, vision, values and goals. We have four categories for the Spirit Award:

Volunteer, Clinical Staff Member, Non Clinical Staff and Team. On Tuesday November 6th we recognized and celebrated the following recipients of this prestigious award.

Volunteer Spirit Award: Eileen Whiffen

Eileen lives in our community and has been an active member of our EPC, now Active Seniors Centre, for over twenty years. She was Vice President of the Volunteer Executive until this past January. Eileen has been extremely active, volunteering at bingo and shuffleboard, teaching canasta and participating in planned outings for the tenants and ASC members. She made it a priority to find a way for seniors with wheelchairs and walkers to go out on outings. Eileen genuinely cares for our seniors, has made a great impact on the lives of those who call the Wexford home and is described as an *outstanding role model* !

Congratulations Eileen!

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Clinical Staff Member Spirit Award: Almerinda Takahashi

Almerinda has been a dedicated employee-passionate and committed to delivering high quality care for residents for the past seventeen years. She was co-chair of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee for many years. More importantly, Almerinda has enhanced the lives of our residents through the use of complementary therapies including one to one visits, palliative care, Snoezelen, Reiki, therapeutic touch and reflexology, to name a few. This year she assisted one of our residents to write a book about her childhood memories. Almerinda goes above and beyond what is expected, always adding her own special touch to make a resident or a volunteer a special part of her program.

Congratulations Almerinda!

Non Clinical Staff Member Award: Grace Arnedo

Grace has been with us for the past five years and has made significant contributions on many levels. She is admired and respected by staff, residents and tenants for her pleasant and cheerful manner, always helpful and a good team leader. Grace has a great work attitude, is a great overall person and is truly an excellent representative of the Wexford Spirit.

Congratulations Grace!

Team Spirit Award: Finance Department - Shantha Joseph, Irina Kurpatova and Clement Lo

Shantha, Irina and Clement have a combined number of 16 years of service at the Wexford. These three staff members have been working extremely hard for the past two years to implement new financial and accounting software in addition to their regular work, which includes interacting regularly with the tenants, residents and families. The Finance department is a very cohesive team and work very well together under Shantha's leadership. It is a small department...but mighty! **Congratulations Shantha, Irina, and Clement !**



CLINICAL STAFF MEMBER: Almerinda Takahashi with Sandy Bassett and Wayne Connelly



NON CLINICAL EMPLOYEE: Grace Arnedo Executive Assistant with Sandy Bassett



Team of Staff: Irina Kurpatov, Shantha Joseph with Sandy Bassett



The Wexford Residence Foundation
NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

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The Wexford
 Residence
 Long-Term Care
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35 YEARS CARING FOR SENIORS

In 2013, the Wexford Residence celebrates **35 years caring for Seniors.** The Foundation will build on this milestone with a series of initiatives throughout the year beginning in the spring. We have lots of plans including a newspaper supplement, community advertising along Lawrence Ave. from Victoria Park to Warden, a donor appreciation event, our annual golf tournament, participation in the Taste of Lawrence and other events later in the year. We'll be sure to keep you posted.

CHRISTMAS DIRECT MAIL CAMPAIGN: By now you will have received your Christmas Campaign letter. In the past we've put our request for funds in The Communicator newsletter but decided this year to put our request into a personal letter to everyone on our mailing list. We have detailed our need for 2 new dining rooms for the 5 and 6th floors and look forward to your support again this year. If you would like a letter for a friend or relative, extra copies (unaddressed) are available at The Wexford Reception and at the Foundation office. We appreciate the support of all of our donors in the past and look forward to our continued relationship.

EXPANDING OUR MAILING LIST - *You could win a Gift Card to Swiss Chalet.* We would like to expand our mailing list and gather another 300 people as supporters in 2013. If you know of anyone who would like to be on our mailing list, please ask them to contact the Foundation office (416) 701-2509 and give permission. OR drop into The Wexford Residence, 1860 Lawrence Ave. E. and fill out a ballot with your contact information - **"you could win one of 4 gift cards from Swiss Chalet."** Value \$25 each. This promotion runs from December 15 to January 15.

PENNIES: We are still collecting pennies. Several people have already responded and sent us a pile of them, but we still need more. Any that you can send our way will be greatly appreciated. You can drop them off at The Wexford Reception area or the Foundation Office.



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IN A FEW WEEKS, The Wexford begins its 35th year of Caring for Seniors and in the spirit of giving, we'd like to be able to give our Seniors something that will make life easier for many years to come.

THIS WOULD BE THE GIFT OF 2 NEW DINING ROOMS

We have a great need to put dining rooms on the 5th and 6th floors to accommodate the almost 60 wheelchair bound residents who spend much of their time waiting for elevators to take them to the main dining room for meals. This occurs 3 times a day. **With a financial donation from you during this Christmas Season**, we are hopeful that one of these dining rooms can be completed in the months ahead and the other through an event later in the year. Cost per dining room will be in the \$75,000 range.

Your gift, large or small, when coupled with the gifts of others, will multiply quickly and our seniors will benefit immediately from your generosity.



Supporting The Wexford Residence at Christmas!

THE WEXFORD RESIDENCE FOUNDATION
1860 LAWRENCE AVE. E., TORONTO, ON M1R 5B1

HERE IS MY DONATION OF:

\$150 \$100 \$75 \$50 OTHER \$ _____

A receipt for tax purposes will be issued for donations of \$10 or more.

Cheque Visa MasterCard
(Make cheque payable to The Wexford Residence Foundation)

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Thank you for Caring
For 35 years community support has made
a difference in the lives of our Seniors!



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THE WEXFORD COMMUNICATOR welcomes comments and announcements that would benefit friends and families of residents and tenants at The Wexford Residence Inc., and supporters of the Wexford Residence Foundation.

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