



# COMMUNICATOR



Happy Thanksgiving

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## Family Portals

The Life Enrichment Department is pleased to introduce the new 'family portal', a web-based program through which family members can review their loved ones participation rates in activities as well as communicate and post photos to each other. We believe this will add to the home's positive customer service experience by allowing you access to resident specific activity.

The family portal consists of 4 key elements which include (1) a Primary Calendar, (2) Family Comments and Photos, (3) Monthly Attendance Summary and (4) Yearly Pie Chart.

### (1) Primary Calendar:

- A calendar will populate using your family members preferred activities.
- You will have the option to subscribe to the calendar which will allow you to upload the calendar to your Microsoft Outlook calendar or phone.
- This will allow you to set reminders of events that your family would generally take part in e.g. Pub Night, Bingo and Special Events.
- You will also be able to view the general activity calendars from all units.
- Upload Pictures to share with your family
- Change your security options i.e. password and add other family users.
- Useful links will act as a direct link to Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Website, Wexford Home Page and other health and recreation related web pages.

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## FROM SANDY'S DESK



This fall we will install the **new hydro transformer** which supplies all the electricity to the home. This is necessary as the current transformer is the original one and it is now 35 years old and at the end of its useful life.

We expect to install the transformer by the week of October 22nd (Wednesday October 24th is the tentative date).

We will have one day of power disruption however we will have emergency power for the 8 hour period. We expect to cut the power immediately after breakfast is prepared, around 8:00 am, and expect it to be up and running by 6:00 pm, at the latest. Lunch will be a hot meal but dinner that evening will be a cold plate. All meals will be served on the units as the elevator will be for emergency use only. We will bring in additional staff to ensure that everyone is well cared for and that safety standards are met.

Once the new transformer is in place, we will begin to decommission the old hydro vault. This will take six to eight weeks and will necessitate a reduction in available visitor parking, along the east side of the parking lot, near Gooderham Ave.

This entire project will be completed before the end of 2012.

The other project that we are working on is the **new gazebo for the back garden**. Between last year's Christmas fundraising campaign and June's successful golf tournament we have \$25,000 to spend on the gazebo. We have a small working group comprised of staff, tenants, residents and families who will assist in choosing the best design for this new space.

Once we have chosen the design, we will share it with you and plan for a spring implementation, so that the gazebo will be available for all to enjoy next year. Thanks to everyone for your generous support of this project. Once in place, it will enhance the back garden and be available for tenants, residents, staff and families to enjoy.

Please take time to enjoy the beautiful autumn weather! If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-752-8879.

Sandy



Our brand new third floor dining room was officially opened on April 27th. Pictured here is Sandy Bassett, along with Teresa Pitre from Medical Pharmacies, who assisted her in cutting the ribbon.

The interior décor was done by Interiors by Angela.

Thanks to Medical Pharmacies for their financial support of this project.

# Family Portals

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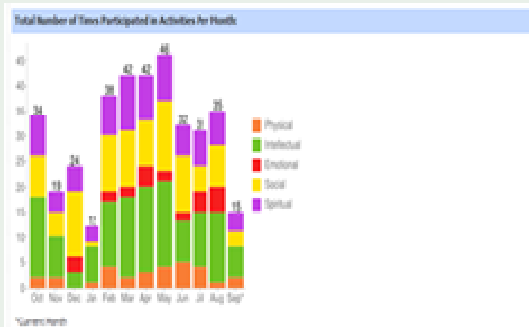
## (2) Family Comments and Photos:

- This is where you will be able to communicate with other members of your family.
- You will also receive notices in this area from the Life Enrichment Director on upcoming events or any cancelations and reminders in regards to activities.
- The photo link will allow you to upload pictures so that all members of your family will be able to view them. Eventually the Life Enrichment team will be able to upload photos as well.

## (3) Monthly Attendance Summary:

- The Bar Graphs will give you, at a glance, the number of activities your loved one is participating in on a monthly basis.
- This will be color coded into the five domains:

1. Physical
2. Intellectual
3. Emotional
4. Social
5. Spiritual

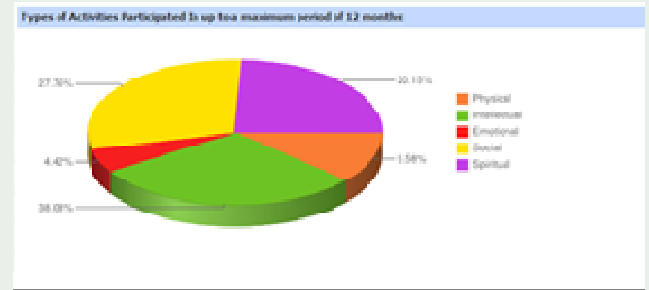


- The total number of activities in a month is located on the top of the chart.
- The attendance numbers will automatically update every hour.

## (4) Yearly Pie Chart:

- This is a rolling 12 month pie chart that tracks your family member's trends in each domain so that you have a better understanding of what their interests are.

- Even if your family member has been here less than a year, it will update data for the amount of time they have been here, so this chart may change from the beginning of their stay at The Wexford to the current day.



The Portal is still at the beginning stages and there will be some issues that will need to be addressed as this system gets up and running. Family members will be encouraged to send feedback and suggestions so that we can continue to work with the software provider to improve the usefulness of the portal for all family members.

Over the next few weeks all POA's will be contacted and will be given the option to subscribe to the family portal. Any additional training will be provided by the Director of Life Enrichment, Wayne Connelly, by appointment. If you would like further information please feel free to contact Wayne Connelly at [wconnelly@thewexford.org](mailto:wconnelly@thewexford.org) or by phone: 416-701-2505



## Christmas Decorations

The life Enrichment Department is looking for donations of gently used Christmas decorations. If you have Christmas decorations that you would like to donate, please contact Wayne Connelly at [wconnelly@thewexford.org](mailto:wconnelly@thewexford.org) or by phone 416-701-2505

# Welcome to..... *NEW FACES AT THE WEXFORD*



**Rajat Paul**  
**Evening Night**  
**Nurse Manager**

Rajat moved to Canada in 2001. In 2008, he received his BscN from Ryerson University.

He worked as an Evening Manager and then as Assistant to the Director of Care at LeisureWorld O'Connor Court, before coming to the Wexford.

Welcome Raj! He can be reached at 416 701-2508

**Ian Trotter**  
**Environmental**  
**Service**  
**Manager**

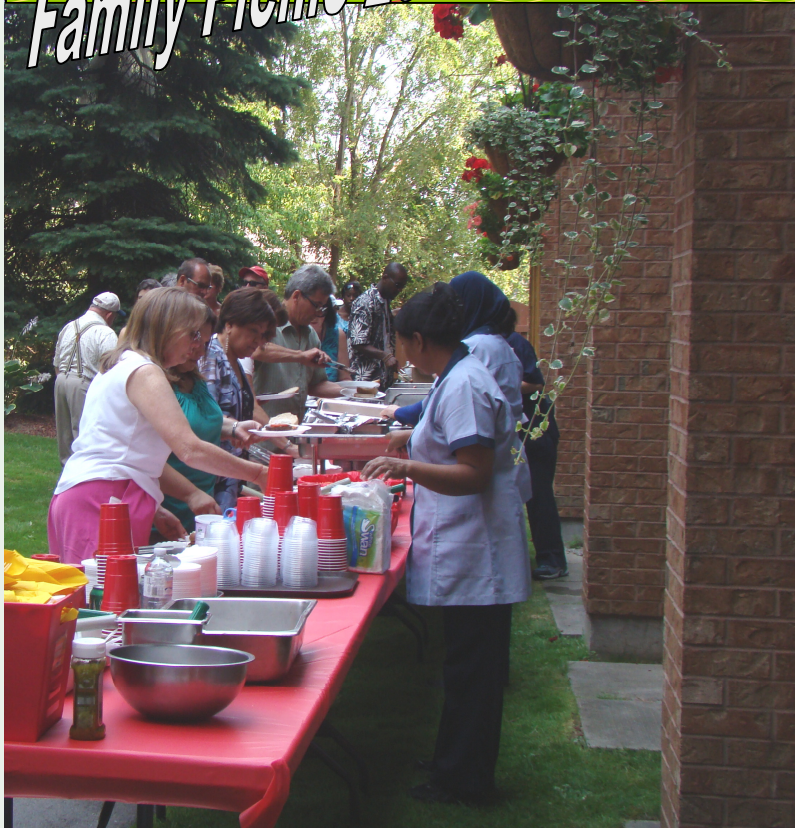


Ian graduated from the University of Western Ontario as a Sports Therapist

before making a career change to long term care. He worked at Central Park Lodge in plumbing and electrical maintenance before taking a management position at Wellesley Central for five years. Ian can be reached at 416 701-2502.

*We are pleased to have Raj and Ian join our team*

# *Family Picnic 2012*



**The Annual Resident Family Picnic** returned this year after a one year absence and it was held on Saturday July 14, 2012. This year's event was well attended by all members of our Wexford community with representation from our residents, family members and tenants.

It was perfect summer Saturday for a picnic and many memories were created and shared between family, friends staff, tenants and residents.

Marty and Scarlett entertained the crowd with a wonderful selection of past and present favorites. We handed out sixteen raffle prizes and raised \$100.00 towards future events to be held at The Wexford.

A very special thank you to the management team, staff and volunteers who helped to make it a great success.

*Thanks to everyone who participated. We look forward to seeing you next year*

# 7TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Our Seventh Annual Joint Charity Golf Tournament with Mariann Home, Nisbet Lodge, Valleyview Residence and Chester Village, who joined us for the first time this year, was a huge success. We achieved our goal to raise \$100,000 and had a full shot gun tournament. We also had 176 golfers who registered to play.

Thanks to all our corporate sponsors, hole sponsors, board members, staff, family members, volunteers and friends of The Wexford for your generosity and support. Your participation made the difference! Our share of the revenue will go towards the purchase of the **gazebo for our back garden.**

## Special thanks to:

### Our Tournament Sponsors:

- Lead Sponsor                    Achieva Health
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### Hole Sponsors:

Absolute Alliance, Accent Building Sciences, Aramark Canada Ltd, Ataja Electrical Services, Brimley Medical Centre, Direct Dentistry, Mary Ellen Trimble, Paul O'Connor Funeral Home, Snyder & Associates, Sunbright Linens and the Wexford Volunteers.

### Virtual Golfers:

Aleksander Bogdan and Lynne Mitchell and Doris Carter.

**Friend of the Tournament Donors:** Ataja Electric, Blevins Insurance, Brimley Medical Centre, Trace Electric and Kathy Frame Adshead.

### Silent Auction Donors:

Thanks to all the silent auction contributors for the lovely donated items. The silent auction is one of the highlights of the day and golfers went home with some very nice items. The auction raised \$5,914 towards the total tournament revenue.

**Thanks to McCall Photography Studio** who donated their services for the event and produced a wonderful slide show which is posted on our website, take a look.

***Save the Date for our 2013 Golf Tournament.....Tuesday June 18th***



Sue Gilmour with Mary Ellen Trimble



## The Wexford Residence Foundation

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### **NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION**

Since the spring the Foundation has been working to create more of an awareness of The Wexford Residence in the community.

In March Mary-Ruth Flood joined the Foundation as Director of Development. She has an extensive background in fundraising and public relations and spent three years as Director of Development for Unionville Home Society and seven years as President of The Markhaven Home for Seniors. She has been working closely with the Board on a variety of items including this new letterhead.

### **Funding Proposals**

In our constant efforts to find new sources of funding, we have identified and sent proposals to four Foundations whose interests and criteria for providing funds closely match our needs. In each case we have asked for a piece of equipment that would enhance the lives of our residents and allow our staff the ease and flexibility they need to assist each person. We are hopeful that we will get a positive response from these Foundations by the end of the year.

### **New Goods-in-kind Donors**

We made a conscious effort this year to bring on “new” donors for our golf Tournament’s Silent Auction. We are thankful to those individuals and businesses within and outside of our community who responded with neat and popular items to make this solicitation a great success. Over \$5000 worth of retail goods was donated to The Wexford and almost all came from first time donors. We are already looking for new supporters for next year’s tournament and are soliciting items now and will continue to do so all year. If you can donate an auction item please call Mary-Ruth in the Foundation Office at (416) 701-2509.

### **Elevator Cards**

Colourful posters highlighting the benefits of a gift of a Will and a gift of Life Insurance to The Wexford Residence have been inserted into card holders in each of our three elevators since July and will alternate monthly until late in the fall.

***These are the first in the series of awareness messages.***

## New In Memoriam Card

A new attractive In Memoriam Card is now available. It allows friends and relatives to make a gift to The Wexford Residence through the Foundation in memory of a loved one in lieu of flowers. The new card is available at The Wexford Residence, from reception, The Foundation Office and the Gift Shop. They are also available at the following Scarborough Funeral Homes:



- Ogden Funeral Home, 4164 Sheppard Ave. E,
- Giffen-Mack Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 4115 Lawrence Ave E.
- Mcdougall & Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Centre 2900 Kingston Rd.
- Highland Funeral Home & Cremation Centre 3280 Sheppard Ave. E.

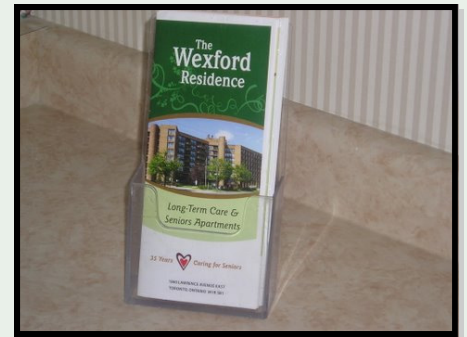
## Thank you Eglinton Square Shopping Centre

Recently the Foundation received 10 lovely park benches for the Home from the Eglinton Square Shopping Centre. These benches will be placed out front between the building alcoves and in the back garden. We are grateful to the management of Eglinton Square for arranging this donation for the benefit of our seniors. A 'thank you' plaque presentation will be made to the Shopping Centre later in September.



## New Brochure

We will soon have a new brochure. It will be in full colour and give general information on living at The Wexford Residence complete with photos. It will be ready for distribution at the end of September. We want a wide distribution and are lining up locations. The brochures will be placed in nice looking plastic containers and we are looking for help finding locations. If you can help in this regard please give Mary-Ruth a call in the Foundation Office. Copies will be available at the Wexford Reception and from the Foundation.

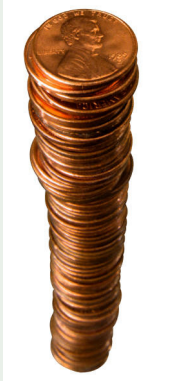


## We've Got a Wishing Well



The Foundation has recently received a Spiral Wishing Well Coin Collector. It's an attractive green structure and will be placed in a public/retail area where there is a lot of traffic. This will enhance our chances of collecting a large number of coins from passers-by. This type of Wishing Well has been a money maker for other charities placing Wells in strategic locations in their communities. We hope to find a key location for our new arrival soon. If you know of a place where we can show this off for a function or maybe a Mall location, please see Mary-Ruth in the Foundation Office.

# Donation Opportunities



## Penny Collection... every penny counts!

The Foundation is collecting pennies so if you or anyone you know has a collection of pennies or even just a few, you can support our fundraising efforts by dropping off these pennies to our Foundation Office or leave them for the Foundation at The Wexford reception. Remember pennies will be phased out at the end of the year.

**Don't be stuck with them.**



## I want to help support The Wexford Residence!

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

### HERE IS MY DONATION OF:

\$150    \$100    \$75    \$50    OTHER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque    Visa    MasterCard

*(Make cheque payable to The Wexford Residence Foundation)*

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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address optional

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

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

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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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