The Tie that Binds

Internal Newsletter

Holland Christian Homes

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Holland Christian Homes Celebrates its Centenarians



Holland Christian Homes hosted a special Centenarian Club Celebration recognizing 13 tenants and residents who have reached the remarkable milestone of 100 years of age and beyond. This inspiring event brought together residents, tenants, families, community leaders, and staff care partners to celebrate the wisdom, resilience, and life stories of some of our community's oldest citizens.



Wisdom From 100 Years of Living

As part of the centenarian club celebration, we asked each of our centenarians a question:

"Looking back over your 100 or more years, what is one piece of wisdom, a lesson, or a piece of advice you would like to share with the generations that come after you?"

One of our residents shared this beautiful reflection:

"Value friendship and cherish the moments you share with other people. Surround yourself with people who bring joy and meaning to your life, and always keep learning from others.

Find something you truly love and make time for it. For me, that has always been singing and music. Music has kept me going through the years and has brought me happiness and connection. Most importantly, enjoy the moments you have with others, continue to learn, and hold on to the things that bring you joy."

Those words capture many of the themes we heard again and again in the responses.

Friendship and connection.
"Value friendship."
"Make friends."
"Be friendly."
"Enter a room with a smile."
"Enjoy the moments you have with others."



Family.
"Always enjoy your family."
"Take care of your kids."
"Love family."

Joy and positivity.
"Smiling."
"Being positive about life."
"Hold on to the things that bring you joy."
"Find something you truly love and make time for it."

Perseverance
One resident reminded us: "Life is not always easy sometimes, but you have to keep going. Look ahead of yourself."

Faith

And another shared the importance of faith throughout a long life:



“A good life and a strong faith in God. You can always count on God.”

Gratitude, contentment and perspective.

“Be grateful for life.”
“Be patient.”
“Be content.”
“Don’t think too much about life.”
“Don’t ask too much about life.”



Taking care of yourself and continuing to live life.

“Go for walks.”
“Keep busy.”
“Eat healthy.”
“Sleep.”
“Always keep learning from others.”

And, among the advice, there was also a little reminder to enjoy life along the way: “On occasion, drink,” and from another resident, “drink a glass of wine.”



When we bring their words together, their message to the generations that follow is wonderfully simple:

Value your friendships. Love your family. Smile. Be grateful. Be patient. Keep busy. Take care of yourself. Keep learning. Find what brings you joy and make time for it. And don’t worry too much about life.

Today, we have the privilege not only of celebrating more than 100 years of life, but of listening to the wisdom of the people who have lived those years.

And perhaps the best way we can honour that wisdom is simply to hear it, remember it, and pass their words on to the generations that come next.



In November we remember things. The past summer season. Fall colours. On November 11, we pause to remember those who served to bring us freedom. This is an important pause for many of us who lived through WWII. But not only that war, but others along with peace keeping missions that Canadian military have served in through the years. Freedom comes at a high cost. So it should never be taken for granted.

On November 17, some of us will pause to remember those who have passed away from Faith and Grace Manor at our Celebration of Life. We remember the residents we cared for and blessed and for families who are missing a spouse, parent, or friend.

I remember several things around this time of November. Personal things. Family members who have passed. Birthdays that aren't celebrated. In 1992, you might remember the championship parade that the Toronto Blue Jays had after winning their first World Series.

What happens when we don't remember? We forget. They fade away. They aren't remembered anymore. We don't celebrate the birthday of a loved one who has passed. However, we might remember that date. If we don't do a certain activity, our bodies tend to forget how to do it correctly. If we don't rehearse names or events or dates or stories, we forget them.

Remembering things takes practice and time and effort.

Worship is a time to remember God's faithfulness, Jesus resurrection, and being called to live as a community. We read Scripture to remind ourselves of what God did in the past in order to see how God is acting toward us and this world in the present and future.

On November 7, I will remember my ordination as a Minister of the Word, 22 years ago in Saskatoon. I remember how God has guided and cared, not just for me, but for my wife and children. He led me to serve there for 5.5 years.

As we journey through November, I hope you will pause at appropriate moments to remember. To give thanks for the many gifts and blessings you have been given. To celebrate the wonderful things you have accomplished, the beautiful people in your life, this community that was dreamed up over 55 years ago. To rededicate yourself to the mission God has given to you as you serve, care, live within this community.

If you need help remembering, talk to one of the care partners (staff) and they will help you to try and remember good things. *** Pastor Richard Bodini ***



From the desk of the CEO

Dear Holland Christian Homes Community,

As autumn reaches its peak, God's beautiful palette of colours has transformed the Ontario landscape into a breathtaking display. I hope many of you have had the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the season and spend time outdoors appreciating the vibrant fall scenery.

As we prepare for the arrival of winter, I encourage everyone to dress appropriately for the colder weather and wear suitable footwear to help prevent slips, trips, and falls. If you are experiencing any heating concerns in your apartment, please contact Reception to submit a maintenance request so that we can address the issue promptly.

September and October were filled with many memorable events across our community.

On **September 30, 2026**, we proudly hosted the inaugural meeting of the **HCH Centenarian Club.** It was a privilege to celebrate and recognize 13 remarkable residents/tenants ranging in age from 100 to 105 years. Members received commemorative certificates from the City and the Government of Canada, presented by our local elected officials. It was truly an inspiring occasion and a testament to the rich lives and experiences represented within our community.

On **October 2, 2026**, Holland Christian Homes hosted an **All Candidates Meeting** in Heritage Hall. We were pleased to see strong participation from candidates and community members alike in advance of the Municipal Election held on October 26.

I had the opportunity to attend the **Tenant Advisory Committee (TAC)** meeting on October 13. A summary of the discussions and feedback shared by committee members follows this report.

On **October 14,** we welcomed many new residents and tenants to Holland Christian Homes during our bi-annual **Welcome Tea**. These gatherings are a wonderful

opportunity to introduce new members to our community and help foster meaningful connections.

In the coming weeks, the **Covenant Tower Snack Bar** will undergo a much-needed refresh and renovation. During this period, snack bar services will temporarily operate out of **Harmony Hall**, ensuring that tenants, residents, visitors, and care partners continue to have access to food and refreshments. Please note that the **Covenant Tower Dining Room** will remain fully operational and will not be affected by the renovation.

I am delighted to invite you to our annual **Nativity Scene and Tree Lighting Ceremony** on **Thursday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m.** The celebration will take place outside the front entrance of Covenant Tower near the center patio. Come enjoy the sounds of the season as our talented Holland Christian Homes tenants share traditional Christmas carols, followed by hot chocolate, marshmallows, and cookies in Heritage Hall. We warmly welcome care partners, children, grandchildren, extended family members, and friends to join us for this cherished holiday tradition.

Remembrance Day provides us with an opportunity to pause, reflect, and honour the sacrifices made by those who served our country in times of war, conflict, and peacekeeping. Together, we remember the courage, dedication, and selflessness of those who protected the freedoms we enjoy today.

Please join us for our Remembrance Day Service to be held in

Heritage Hall on Wednesday November 11th starting at 10:30am.

(Also on Channel 990)



Remembrance Day holds special meaning for me, as military service has been an important part of my family's history. My grandfather served during the First World War, and my father dedicated 35 years to the Canadian Armed Forces. Growing up on military bases gave me a firsthand appreciation for the sacrifices made by service members and their families. Although my father passed away four years ago at the age of 94, his commitment and service continue to inspire me.

I invite you to join me in Heritage Hall on November 12 at 2:00 p.m., where I will share my father's story and reflect on the experiences of military families during the Cold War years.

Please join us for these upcoming events:

- **November 11, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.** - Remembrance Day Service, Heritage Hall
- **November 12, 2026 | 2:00 p.m.** - CEO Personal Reflection: A Military Family's Story, Heritage Hall
- **November 17, 2026 | 2:00 p.m.** - Celebration of Life for Manor Residents, Harmony Hall
- **November 26, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.** - Annual Nativity Scene and Tree Lighting Ceremony

Please drop by and say 'hello' to Kaitlan Laviolette in her new role as VP Operations, as she is currently sharing my office.

As we enter this season of remembrance, gratitude, and celebration, I wish you and your loved one's good health, happiness, peace, and many blessings.

Blessings,
Tracy

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

- **Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV)**

Tenant Advisory Committee
Tuesday October 13, 2026

Terms of reference were reviewed, under Agenda & Meetings, added, was the 'Chair and Vice can hold the position for up to 3 consecutive years.'

A vote was held for TAC Committee Chair and Vice Chair, there was a call for nominations, and a vote was held. Congratulation to Terry Dunn, voted as Committee Chair, and Pastor Keith Lohnas voted Vice Chair. Terry thanked Leah Lenstra and Len Joosse for their contributions and efforts.

General Discussion/ CEO Message/ Round Table:

- Successful LTC Recognition Day held – Certificate awarded – TAC recognized for their advocacy efforts and as an instrumental part of our community.
- Three memorial trees recently planted by the City for three staff (DUCA, GM Dietary and Maintenance) who passed away. Tree dedication ceremonies will be held in near future.
- Held our very first Centenarian Club event – 13 centenarians celebrated ages ranging from 100 to 105 years. Next month we will add more centenarians. We are meeting to discuss the timing of further events to keep this club alive. Certificates were presented from both the Mayor on behalf of the City and our MP on behalf of Canada.
- Snack Bar Closure – up to two months for the renovation – Harmony Hall will be utilized to provide snack bar services for the reno period.
- Strategic Operational Plan continues to be implemented.
- Budget planning for 2027 occurring.
- Upcoming election – HCH will host one polling station in Heritage Hall this year.
- Manors have been implementing no bed alarms and chair alarms which have traditionally been used as an intervention to prevent falls. We have seen a reduction of falls despite the removal of these alarms.
- Updated on HCH compliance with care home
- Updated Bethany Place planning – still under discussions with MHLTC and the Bethany Place Planning Committee for future uses – shared some potential concepts - no final decision made
- Petitions are discouraged unless they are collaborative and include the whole HCH community – This is a reminder that channels of communication should be followed. Landlord issues can be directed to Tenant Business Services, if not resolved to satisfaction, the CEO. Repair and facilities issues can be addressed through reception as a starting point.
- Pest Control – Omer discussed

Tenant Advisory Committee

If you have any tenant concerns that you wish to be discussed at the Tenant Advisory Committee, please contact your Tower representative.

Trinity Tower	
Ms. Ethel DaCosta	TT507
Mr. John Merritt	TT616
Hope Tower	
Mr. Terry Dunn	HT608
Mr. Keith Lohnes	HT612
Covenant Tower	
Ms. Leah Lenstra	CT711
Mr. Len Joosse	CT1001
Providence Tower	
Ms. Lucy Vandersluis	PT501
Mr. Simon Riemersma	PT904
King Tower	
Mr. Len Roos	KT1301
Mr. Cor Buikema	KT805
Peace Tower	
Ms. Liz Terpstra	PeT1004
Ms. Trudy Adema	PeT1504

⚓ 🚢 KING TOWER CRUISE THEMED LUNCH 🚢 ⚓

King Tower hosted a Cruise Themed Lunch on Saturday, September 26th.

With an experienced captain, a delicious menu, entertainment, and an on-board gift shop, what could possibly go wrong? **Everything, apparently!** 😄

🌊 ⚓ 🚢 ⚓ 🌊 *A fun cruise was had by all!* 🌊 ○ 🌊 ⚓ 🚢 ⚓ 🌊







Tenant Dinners

Patti Milne would like to extend her sincere thanks to everyone who attended our recent dinner event. A special thank you goes to Councillors Maderas and Keenan for presenting awards.

The day was made even more special as we celebrated the 74th birthday of Dennis, our entertainer. With birthday cake and good company, everyone had a wonderful time.

Christmas Dinner tickets are now available, with only approximately 15 tickets left. Tickets must be reserved and paid for in advance. We are pleased to welcome Tracy Kamino, our CEO, as a guest at this year's Christmas Dinner.

Don't wait to purchase your ticket. They are selling quickly and will be gone before you know it. We look forward to another great gathering and hope to see you there!











Community (Tenant) Thanksgiving Dinner - October 11



Horizon Hall was filled with the colours, aromas, and spirit of Thanksgiving as tenants gathered to celebrate together. The afternoon featured lively singing, interesting stories, and plenty of laughter, creating a warm sense of community.

Guests enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner of turkey with all the trimmings, followed by delicious homemade pastries for dessert. Served family-style at each table, the meal provided a wonderful opportunity to connect with neighbours and make new friends.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the many volunteers whose teamwork made the event such a success. Lydia expressed her gratitude to everyone who played a part, including Jim and Hennie for keeping guests entertained and informed; John, Cor, and Ted for setting up and serving; Carol, Bev, Louise, Femmie, Riek, and Rebecca for helping wherever needed; and Trudy and Martin, the outstanding beverage team.



Special recognition goes to **Lydia**, whose dedication and leadership continue to make these gatherings possible. In addition to coordinating community dinners, she leads the Prayer Shawl Group, supports fundraising through her baking, and encourages others to share their time and talents. Her recent **Award for Excellence in Volunteer Service** from Brampton City Council is a well-deserved honour.



The celebration concluded with everyone joining together to sing *O Canada*. We now look forward to gathering again for the **Christmas Dinner on December 25** and the **New Year's Eve festivities** in Horizon Hall.


Holland Christian Homes
COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS DINNER
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2026
4:00 PM
HORIZON HALL
Traditional Christmas Dinner
Turkey & Ham
with all the Trimmings!
$15 TICKETS
AVAILABLE AT ALL
Coffee Socials
BEGINNING MID-NOVEMBER
Celebrate Christmas Day
with friends and neighbours!

HOLLAND CHRISTIAN HOMES
People Caring for People

Together We Make a Brighter Tomorrow

HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Giant Grocery Giveaway is Back!

Thanks to the generosity of Anne from Anne's Hairdressing at H.C.H., this year's raffle will be bigger than ever with wonderful prizes to help make your Christmas season *Merry and Bright!*

Covenant Tower Lobby Dates

Nov. 6, 13 & 18, 2026
Nov. 21, 2026 (Christmas Market)
Nov. 25 & 27, 2026
Dec. 2 & 4, 2026

GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Friday, December 4, 2026
at 10:30 a.m.
Covenant Tower Lobby



Support the H.C.H. Grocery Bus!

Donations accepted at Main Reception beginning **November 13, 2026.**

Income tax receipts provided in 2027 for donations of $20 or more.



ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE H.C.H. GROCERY BUS

Audrey Schreuders • Rosemary Dubyk • Anne Pennells

Thank You for Your Support and Merry Christmas!

Kindness Drives Change

Small Donations Make a Big Difference

A STRONGER COMMUNITY TOGETHER

lest we forget

Please join us on Wednesday November 11th at 10:30am in Heritage Hall for our Remembrance Day Ceremony



About Grief

By Grace Vandermale

Peace Tower

It's so important to share,

With friends from everywhere.

---About Grief ---

The topic goes into your hearts so deep,

It settles down into your soul to seep.

---About Grief ---

I know where you have gone to,

St. Peter said for you to come on through.

---About Grief ---

Thank God you're singing with the angels,

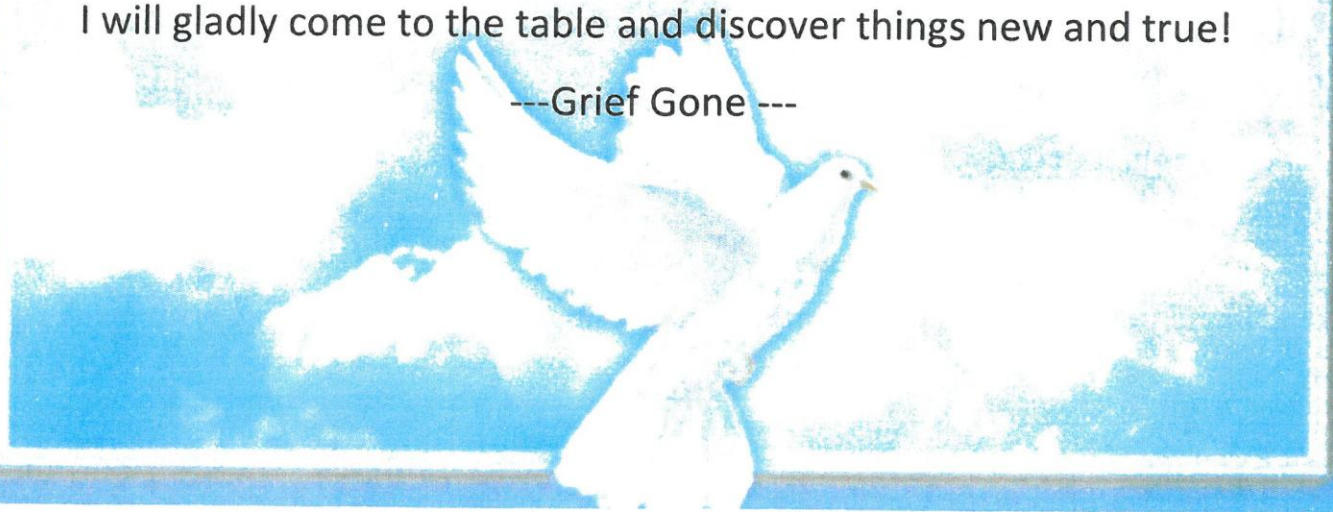
To you those thousands were never strangers.

---Grief is less ---

When Jesus calls me to that heavenly realm and join you,

I will gladly come to the table and discover things new and true!

---Grief Gone ---



Do we live what we pray "OUR FATHER" (Winnie - Hope Tower)

To begin with "OUR" Do we realize when we say "OUR" that no matter what creed what color or what denomination we are all one big family of God. One creator one GOD who created all of us. Then how can we not treat everyone with love and compassion? How can we turn a blind eye to the others' pain?

When we say "FATHER" think of our earthly dad. How much they care and what sacrifice they do to give us a good life. How much will our Heavenly FATHER love and care for us? How often do we get disappointed with GOD and worry and question HIM.HE only gives us what we need and not what we want.

"WHO ART IN HEAVEN" Do we see heaven far away out of reach? Do we see it in our own hearts and families? Whenever our hearts are filled with love, joy and peace don't we experience a bit of heaven and give praise and glory to God.

"HALLOWED BE THY NAME" Does His holiness penetrate my heart and do I try to become more and more holy like HIM daily. Do we care about our thoughts, our words and our actions? Are they holy? Do we call on HIS name with love and reverence?

"THY KINGDOM COME" Do I try to bring His kingdom into my own heart, my family and this my beautiful community by a glowing smile, a kind word or action or a helping hand?

"THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS HEAVEN" Do I always seek HIS will and pray like just as Jesus did in the garden of Gethsemane. "Father not my will but let your will be done." Do I give God a list of things we want and get frustrated when we don't get it and complain?

"GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD" Are we grateful for every meal, every slice of bread or take this for granted? Do we bless and thank God for this great blessing and think of those who are in hunger. Do we try to reach out in anyway?

"FORGIVE US OUR TRESPESSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESSPESS AGAINST US" Am I humble enough to accept my own short-comings before our Lord and repent and fall at His feet to ask for pardon or am I still proud and believe that I am right? Do I still hold a grudge and stubbornly refuse to forgive my neighbour. If so how can I ask God to forgive me?

"LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATIONS BUT DELIVER FROM US FROM EVIL" Do I give way to temptations or fight against it? Do I leave it and pray and seek God's mercy and help? Do I use the Word of God as Jesus did and turn the temptation into a blessing?



WE WILL BE HOSTING OUR THIRD ANNUAL NATIVITY SCENE LIGHTING HERE AT HOLLAND CHRISTIAN HOMES! PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS FESTIVE OCCASION KICKING OFF OUR HOLIDAY SEASON WITH PRAYER AND SINGING FOLLOWED BY TEA/COFFEE AND COOKIES IN HERITAGE HALL. REMEMBER YOUR MUG!

Thank You for Supporting the Heritage Hall Audio/Visual Enhancement Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our **"A Shared Opportunity to Strengthen Worship, Connection and Community"** campaign. Your generosity is helping us enhance a space that brings our community together.

The current audio/visual system in **Heritage Hall** has reached the end of its life cycle and requires replacement. This project will provide upgraded projection, sound, microphones, and modern technology to improve the experience for worship services, concerts, meetings, celebrations, community programs, and special events.

While this upgrade will not impact services at 990, it will greatly enhance programs and gatherings held in Heritage Hall for residents, families, volunteers, and guests.

How You Can Help

Every gift makes a difference. Donations can be made online at **www.HCH.ca** by clicking on the DONATE button and then selecting **"Heritage Hall Audio/Visual Enhancement Campaign"** from the drop-down menu, or in person through Reception. Charitable tax receipts will be issued for donations of **$10 or more**. Please make cheques payable to Holland Christian Homes.

Your support will help ensure Heritage Hall remains a welcoming place for worship, fellowship, celebration, learning, and community connection for years to come.

Thank you for helping us strengthen worship, connection, and community.

Holland Christian Homes' Eden Journey

Holland Christian Homes is committed to the **Eden Alternative® philosophy**, a person-directed approach that seeks to eliminate loneliness, helplessness, and boredom by fostering meaningful relationships, personal choice, purpose, and a strong sense of community.



September 30, 2026



October 21, 2026

Congratulations to our newest Eden Associates!

Holland Christian Homes
Investment Program

Proudly Operating for over 30 years.

Support a not-for-profit mission rooted in Christian values

Help provide safe, comfortable, and dignified homes

Earn competitive returns while making a meaningful difference

Holland Christian Homes

We offer competitive rates that are always displayed on Ch 990.

Get started today with just a minimum $10,000 investment.

Come speak with Sherene in our finance dept for personalized assistance



Care Partner
WHO AM I?

Please enjoy meeting our Housekeeping & Laundry Care Partners:

Behije & Sharmane



Behije Mulaj (Bee)

As Housekeeping and Laundry Manager, I have the pleasure of supporting the housekeeping and laundry teams across Faith Manor, Grace Manor, and the Towers. While overseeing daily operations is an important part of my role, what matters most is supporting our Care Partners and helping residents and tenants feel comfortable, respected, and truly at home.

My journey with HCH began in 2012 as a Laundry Aide. Over the years, I worked in Laundry, Housekeeping, and Dietary before becoming a Temporary Nursing Scheduler at Faith Manor in 2021. In late 2023, I returned to Environmental Services as a Housekeeping and Laundry Supervisor, and in 2024, I was honoured to accept the role of Housekeeping and Laundry

Manager. Each position has shaped my understanding of the important work we do and the people we serve.

My favourite part of working at HCH is building relationships with residents, tenants, families, volunteers, and Care Partners. The simple moments, a smile, a kind word, or a friendly conversation, remind me that our work is about much more than housekeeping and laundry. It is about dignity, connection, and caring for the community we call home.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family, cooking special Sunday breakfasts, and tending to my greenhouse in the summer. Helping others' brings me great joy, and I believe even small acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference in someone's day.

Sharmane Martin

As Housekeeping and Laundry Supervisor, I have the privilege of supporting our housekeeping and laundry teams while helping ensure residents and tenants enjoy a clean, comfortable, and welcoming home. I have been part of the HCH family for seven years, beginning my journey in 2019 as a casual Housekeeper.

In 2021, I was awarded the position of Nursing Unit Clerk at Faith Manor. What began as a temporary role became a permanent full-time position, providing me with valuable experience and opportunities for growth. In 2024, I was honoured to be selected as Housekeeping and Laundry Supervisor. This role has challenged me in many ways, and I am grateful to HCH for the opportunity to continue growing professionally alongside an incredible team of Care Partners, colleagues, and leaders.

One of the most rewarding parts of my role is spending time in the neighbourhoods, chatting with residents and connecting with tenants. Those conversations brighten my day and remind me that the work we do has a meaningful impact. Knowing that I help support an important part of our residents' and tenants' daily lives is what makes this work so fulfilling.

Outside of work, my greatest joy is spending time with my family, especially my two granddaughters, Ayla and Addison. Being called "Nanny" is my favourite title of all. I am a family-oriented person and a homebody at heart, and when I'm not at work, you can usually find me relaxing with my loved ones and caring for my beloved senior dog, Shadow.



Tidings from the Towers Landlord Office

Reporting Concerns: Let Tenant Business Services Help

Living in a community means sharing spaces and respecting one another. From time to time, concerns may arise between neighbours. Whether it's noise, parking, smoking, pets, or another issue, we encourage tenants to report concerns directly to us rather than addressing the matter themselves.

While most people have good intentions, direct confrontations can sometimes lead to misunderstandings, hurt feelings, or unnecessary tension between neighbours. Tenant Business Services is here to listen to concerns, investigate issues fairly, and work toward appropriate solutions while respecting everyone's privacy.

If you experience an issue:

- Remain calm and avoid confronting your neighbour.
- Make note of the concern, including dates and times if applicable.
- Report the matter as soon as possible.
- Allow us the opportunity to review and address the situation.

By working through the proper channels, we can help maintain a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment for all tenants. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping make our community a great place to call home.

Remember: If something is bothering you, we're here to help. A quick conversation with our office is often the best first step towards a positive resolution.

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Healthy Living Tips for Seniors

Staying healthy can be as simple as making small choices each day. Take time to stay active, enjoy nutritious meals, drink plenty of water, and get a good night's sleep. Regular social connections with friends, family, and neighbours can also support both mental and emotional well-being.

Remember, even small steps toward a healthier lifestyle can make a big difference. Take care of yourself and encourage others to do the same! 🌿 🤍

Mission & Values Reflection Moment

On October 6, 2026, a Bible Devotion Hour was held at HCH organized by a few tenants. This event provided a meaningful example of our mission and values in action.



With approximately 30 tenants gathering for an evening of devotion, fellowship, and conversation, the event reflected our commitment to **excellence and innovation in seniors care, grounded in Christian faith**. The gathering offered a welcoming space where tenants could share their faith, encourage one another, and strengthen their sense of community.

The evening also brought our vision to life: **to be an exemplary and innovative seniors' community where Jesus Christ is honoured and glorified**. Through worship, prayer, conversation, and fellowship, tenants experienced the warmth and belonging that come from living out our faith together.

This meaningful event was made possible through the dedication of the tenants, and administration care partners who helped organize and support the gathering.

Mission & Values Reflection:
Moments like this remind us that our faith is not simply something we talk about, but something we demonstrate through our actions. By creating opportunities for worship, fellowship, and meaningful engagement, we honour Jesus Christ, strengthen relationships, and enrich the lives of those we serve. These moments reinforce that a thriving community is built through connection, compassion, and a shared sense of purpose.

Have you witnessed a Mission & Values moment?
We encourage everyone to share stories of residents, tenants, care partners, volunteers, families, and colleagues bringing our mission and values to life. By recognizing and celebrating these moments, we inspire one another and continue building the culture that makes our HCH community so special.

Happy November, Everyone! Greetings from the Volunteer Office!

The leaves are continuing their descent, our gardens are being put to bed for the winter and Christmas is around the corner! Thank you to all our volunteers for the time, energy, and heart you regularly give to our community. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated!

Please join us in **SHARING & CELEBRATING** the tremendous work of our many dedicated volunteers.

Did you know? - "Fun Facts"

The third quarter – July 2026 to September 2026:

We had 21 new volunteers join our team.

Faith Manor received 857 hours of donated volunteer time.

Grace Manor received 745 hours of donated volunteer time.

Towers received 1,161 hours of donated volunteer time.

Volunteer Office received 1,643 hours of donated volunteer time.

The Total Volunteer Hours donated this last quarter was: 4,409 hours.

AMAZING! Thank you to all our Volunteers!

Thank you again for all that you do, and for being such an important part of our Holland Christian Homes family! 💟

Some volunteer assignments currently available:

💟 **Faith Manor & Grace Manor Assisted Dining Team**

Help to make mealtimes brighter with a little care and companionship! **Join our wonderful team of caring volunteers who provide** one-on-one dining support **to residents at Faith and Grace Manors. Volunteers help residents with their daily mealtime needs while offering kindness, conversation, and a welcoming presence.** Training is provided**, no previous experience is required—just a caring heart and**

willingness to help! Your time makes a meaningful difference - one meal and one moment at a time!

Smile & Serve Team
Join this great team of volunteers who prepare and serve coffee at special events while connecting with residents and guests.

Monday Afternoon Bingo (Harmony Hall)
Be part of the excitement! We're looking for callers, runners, and helpers to keep the fun going.

Faith Manor Reception Desk
Join our friendly Front Reception Desk Team! Greet and welcome visitors, provide directions, and support wherever needed. Various time slots available.

Grace Manor Atrium Friday Afternoon Hymn Sing Support
Come lend a hand & be part of something special! Volunteers needed to help with portering, elevators & security each Friday afternoon from 1:30pm to 3pm. Join us in creating a warm, joyful atmosphere filled with music, fellowship and building community spirit!

Artwork Donations Welcome
Do you have artwork you would like to donate to Holland Christian Homes? Our team curates and maintains artwork displayed throughout our community. Drop-offs can be made at the Volunteer Office or contact Glenda for more information.

Would you like to join our Volunteer Team?

Our volunteers have important roles throughout our community, they help to bring activities to life, connecting, and contributing to making **Holland Christian Homes** a wonderful place to work, live and belong. If you're looking for a fun and fulfilling way to share your time, talents, and enthusiasm, we'd love to tell you more!

Discover how you can make a difference as part of our awesome team. We are delighted to answer your questions and to welcome you aboard! For more details please contact **Glenda** in the Volunteer Office: (905) 463-7002 Ext. 5225 or email glenmc@hch.ca

NOVEMBER

NEWS FROM TOWERS ACTIVITIES



Communications/Events Board

All of our communications/events will now be on these boards, located by the mailboxes/elevators in each building. In addition, there is one by the Towers Nursing Office & Reception. We will no longer be putting posters in the elevators, so please check the boards for all the goings on here at HCH.

Remember to Bring Your Mug!

As part of good sustainability practices, this is a friendly reminder to please remember to **always** bring your mug across **designated activities with this mug indicator:**



Amount of Walking

All trips have indicators informing you how much walking is involved on the trips:

 Minimal or no walking

 Moderate walking

 Lots of walking

Trips and Event Sign

Sign up and make payments for programs, events, and trips at Front Reception during Reception's working hours. Please note that each trip must be paid for separately. Please address your cheques to *"Holland Christian Homes"*. **Please date cheques for the date of the event/trip. Reception only accepts exact cash amount**

or cheque. If you need change it will be given to you when Towers Activity Coordinator picks up money from Front Reception at the end of the week.

Refund & Missed Activities

If a tenant does not show up on time for a program, Towers Activities cannot guarantee there will be materials left for them once the activity has finished. Tenants cannot bring materials home for another tenant, unless Towers Activities has been given notice and approved this. **No refunds are given out for activities costing $15 or less.** Rescheduling and alternate arrangements are done on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the Towers Activities Coordinator.

Are you interested in taking a Brampton Club 106 Trip?

We are pleased to announce that a club 106 representative will now be available at our facility every Thursday from 10:30am -12:00pm at the snack bar to assist residents with information and ticket sales for her upcoming trips and excursions. We are excited to offer even more opportunities and experiences for those living in our community. Please note that these trips are organized independently and are not affiliated with Ashley Blair – Coordinator of Tenant Activities. All trip registrations, payments, and related inquiries must be directed through Club 106. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact them directly.

Join the HCH Book Club!

Are you a book lover looking to share your love of reading with others? Our friendly HCH Book Club currently has 1 open available!

If you're interested in joining us, please contact Imke Van Loo (905) 796-6704 for more information.

We look forward to welcoming new book lovers!

Scrabble Club

We are looking for some Scrabble players to join our group. If interested we meet on Thursday's at 1:30pm in the Providence Tower meeting room ***NEW LOCATION***. Hope to see you there!



Mississauga Salvation Army Band

We are pleased to announce that the Mississauga Salvation Army band will be returning to Heritage Hall on *Sunday November 1st at 7pm.* We will be celebrating the life + work of Martin Luther. The band will accompany the audience in several reformation hymns, as well as performing a number of appropriate pieces. Come early to get a good seat. **There will be an offering collected at the end of the program in support of the work of the Salvation army in Mississauga and beyond.**

Monday Afternoon Bingo

Monday afternoon Bingo will take place on the below dates in Harmony Hall at 2pm

- Monday November 2nd
- Monday November 9th
- Monday November 16th
- Monday November 30th

Technology Support

We are very fortunate to have two students from Seneca College, Harmandeep and Ranjodh, joining us this semester. They will be hosting a technology support workshop in the Providence Tower Meeting Room every Monday from **9:00–10:30 a.m**.

Feel free to bring your cellphone or tablet, and they will be happy to assist you with any questions or provide support.

Virtual Reality Experience

What is Virtual Reality?

Virtual Reality (VR) is a simulated, digital experience that can be similar to or completely different from the real world. VR experiences are created with computer technology and presented to the user through a VR headset/goggles, which creates an immersive and interactive three-dimensional environment.

Some other benefits include:

- Improved Mental Health
- Enhanced Entertainment
- Increased Accessibility

This will be offered (FREE) on *Tuesday November 3rd/10th/17th/24th* at 2pm in the Providence Tower Meeting Room. **Spots are limited**, and you will need to sign up at front reception. This month's theme is "Guess the natural wonders of the world".

Mattaniah Christian Male Choir Comes to HCH

The Mattaniah Christian Male choir will be here on Tuesday November 3rd to perform. The performance will be at 7:30pm in Heritage hall.

There will be an open offering collected, following the performance.

Music & Movement-FREE

Come join Music and Movement with Frances on **Wednesday, November 4th & 18th at 10am in Heritage Hall.**

A professional dancer and choreographer in shows like Mamma Mia!, Sister Act and The Lion King, Frances leads a lively upbeat seated movement class designed for absolutely everyone.

It starts with great music, like songs from the 50's and 60's to inspire you to move your body. This is primarily a seated movement class meaning we are dancing seated in chairs. We also add in a few songs where we stand, dancing on our feet with the support of a chair in front of us.

This class is perfect for everyone at any age, you are free to challenge yourself or modify the movement as you like.

It's social, it's fun, it's guaranteed to leave you feeling energized all day long! **This class is FREE, thanks to a grant we received, and is available at no cost until February 2027.**

Armchair Travels

On Wednesday November 4th at 2pm on ch. 990 you will have the opportunity to see Rick Steves' The Best of Paris. *In this one-hour celebration of the "City of Light" we cruise the Seine, marvel at the stained-glass glory of Sainte-Chapelle, dance on the riverbanks, and groove to cool jazz in a medieval cellar. We eat unforgettably French, enjoy perhaps Europe's finest art in the Louvre, admire the palace of palaces at Versailles, climb the Eiffel Tower, and embrace that fabled joie de vivre in its hometown.*

Movie Matinee 

On Thursday November 5th, you will have the opportunity to watch *Andre Rieu Live from Malta. Some songs you will hear during this set is Can't Help Falling in Love, Amazing Grace, Csárdásfürstin Medley (The Gypsy Princess), Oh, When the Saint, and many more.* **Cost: $5 (Includes coffee/tea/dessert and movie). Please pay at the door.**

Chair Yoga -FREE

Breathe, stretch, and unwind with Chair Yoga at HCH! Join Kathleen Osmond on **Every Friday in November (6th/13th/20th/27th)** at 11am in Horizon hall for a rejuvenation session that nurtures both mind and body. Chair Yoga incorporates both seated & standing exercises for breathing, meditation and poses designed to encourage relaxation and reduce stress. Some other health benefits include:

- Improves Balance
- Supports Joint Health
- Teaches Better Breathing
- Improves Flexibility

This class is FREE, thanks to a grant we received, and is available at no cost until February 2027.

Music & Nostalgia ~ An Afternoon in Salzburg

Join us on Friday November 6th at 2pm in Heritage Hall for a lovely afternoon enjoying *The Sound of a City – Julie Andrews Returns to Salzburg (2015)*, a charming short documentary that takes us back to the beautiful city of Salzburg and the timeless magic of The Sound of Music.

For $2, you can sit back, relax, and enjoy this delightful little film (About 45 minutes), with a small bag of chips included to make your afternoon even more enjoyable!

Come for the memories, stay for the music, and enjoy a little taste of Salzburg right here with us!

Hosanna Choir Comes to HCH

The Hosanna choir will be here on Tuesday November 10th to perform. The performance will be at 7:30pm in Heritage hall.

The Hosanna Choir was organized in 1983 when a group of dedicated singers assembled to begin this ministry.

Over the years, the Lord has graciously blessed the choir as it spreads His Word through song by way of concerts and recordings. The recordings, having found their way into many homes, are also regularly used on radio broadcasts. Through the Lord's abiding faithfulness, the choir has become an increasing household name in the Reformed community and beyond.

There will be an open offering collected, following the performance.

Remembrance Day Service

Please join us on Wednesday, November 11th at 10:30am in Heritage Hall for our Remembrance Day service.

We would like to thank our Veterans here at Holland Christian Homes

Max DeBruyn, Tom Smith, Arie Verboon, Peter DeBoer, Neil Mclasaac, John Bertelink, Jim Dickson, Rick Jay, Herbert Bechtel, Henry Beglin, and Peter Kuiper.

If you know of any others that we have missed, please contact the Ashley Blair ext. 5262, so their name can be added to our veterans list.

Free Grocery/Shopping Bus Trip 

Thursday November 12th -Walmart

Tuesday, November 24th– Food Basics

This trip operates on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to sign up soon! The bus will depart at 9:30 AM sharp, pick-up will be at the CT Entrance at 9:15 AM, and we will return to HCH around noon. To sign-up, please visit Front Reception during working hours. **A heartfelt thanks to our wonderful fundraising ladies, Audrey, Anne, and Rosemary for making these free bus trips possible.**

Remembrance Day Reflection

Please join us on Thursday November 12th at 2pm in Heritage hall, for a special Remembrance Day reflection by Tracy Kamino. This event will also be broadcast on ch.990.

Concert by Circle of Harmony

Please join in welcoming Circle of Harmony to HCH. The will be here on Tuesday November 17th, at 7:30pm in Heritage Hall. *"Circle of Harmony is an award-winning, four-part, a cappella chorus of women dedicated to musical excellence. The chorus performs dynamic and entertaining music that captures the interest of audiences with their passionate singing, energetic choreography and engaging performances. Led by master director and charter member Barbara Hodge.* **There will be an open offering collected, following the performance.**

Famous People Players (Coach Trip)

Deadline to purchase tickets -*MONDAY NOVEMBER 2nd*

We're heading to Famous People Players for a fun-filled afternoon on November 18th, and you're invited!

🚌 Departure:

💲 Cost: $125 per person for the Chicken/Vegetarian Option

$132 for the Salmon

Your ticket includes:

Comfortable round-trip transportation (Coach Bus)

A delicious dinner/dessert

Admission to the show

Sit back, relax, and enjoy a memorable afternoon out with great company and entertainment—everything is taken care of for you!

🎟️ Spots are limited—reserve yours today!

📌 See below for a summary of the show you'll be enjoying.

"This winter, let your imagination drift into a snowy dreamland where snowflakes paint the stage with color. Be captivated by the beauty and brilliance of our performers as they fill the season with warmth, laughter, and inspiration. Because no two snowflakes are alike, and neither is this show."

Movie Night 

On Thursday November 19th at 7pm in Heritage hall, you will have the opportunity to watch "Christmas Lodge". *Thomas Kinkade presents Christmas Lodge: a place*

where a heart-warming past and loving future meet for on remarkable group of people. During a weekend trip to the mountains, Mary (Erin Karpluk) finds herself at the now-dilapidated lodge where she spent the holidays with her family growing up. She becomes determined to restore the building to its former glory. Inspired by her grandfather and guided by her grandmother in heaven, Mary throws herself into the project, and during the process finds herself drawn to Jack (Michael Shanks) a handsome man who loves the lodge as much as she does. Historically unlucky in love, this change encounter allows Mary to renew her faith in life and discover her one true love. For an uplifting story about the importance of faith, family and the true holiday spirit, go to the Christmas Lodge

Cost: $5 (Includes coffee/tea/dessert and movie). Please pay at the door. Remember to bring your mug!

Christmas Market

On Saturday November 21st the Christmas market will be coming back to Holland Christian Homes. This event will take place in Heritage hall from 10am-2pm. All are welcome to attend and shop.

The Heartland Singers

On Tuesday November 24th at 7:30 in Heritage Hall you will have the opportunity to watch The Heartland Singers perform.

"The Heartland Singers, a passionate and dedicated group of singers who specialize in the captivating art of a cappella singing. The chorus performs without any instrumental backing tracks, relying solely on the beautiful blend of their voices to create a truly one-of-a-kind musical experience. They sing a dynamic repertoire of songs, from classic ballads to contemporary hits enjoyed by all ages."

There will be an open offering collected, following the performance.

Birthday Party 

Come on down to Heritage Hall on Wednesday, November 26th at 2pm for our bi-monthly birthday party! We will be celebrating the November & December birthdays. The entertainment for the afternoon is Georgetown Transfer. Remember to bring your mug!

Nativity Scene Lighting

On Thursday November 26th at 6:30pm outside Covenant Tower we will be hosting our third annual Nativity Scene Lighting here at Holland Christian Homes! Please join us for this festive occasion kicking off our holiday season with prayer and singing followed by Tea/Coffee and cookies in Heritage Hall.
Remember your mug!

Community Karaoke Afternoon

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of music, connection, and joy at this month's Community Karaoke Afternoon! This event will take place on *Friday November 27th, at 1:30* PM in Harmony Hall. Whether you're ready to belt out your favourite tune or prefer to sit back and enjoy the performances, this event is for everyone. **Light refreshments will be provided.**

Paint Night Comes to HCH

On Monday November 30th at 7pm in Harmony Hall paint night comes to HCH, and the team from ART FUNdamentals will be here to help. You'll enjoy some good music, snacks, refreshments and share some laughs & new memories with your friends and guests around you. There's absolutely NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY & All supplies are provided - so you can focus on just having a good time! This event is designed to be fun, non-competitive and stress-free. We don't take ourselves too seriously here and you'll be amazed at what you can create with a little guidance and encouragement! The cost of this event is $30 per person. This includes everything you will need to create "Cardinal Snowflakes" the picture above and snacks & refreshments. **Please Sign up at Front Reception. Staff/Families welcome to Sign up as well.**



DEADLINE FOR SIGN UP November 23rd

Vendors 10am to 3:30pm

Tuesday November 3rd – Cavery Women's Clothing **~ Location:** Across from the Faith Manor elevators

Thursday November 5th – Comfort She Haven **~ Location:** Across from the Faith Manor elevators

Tuesday November 10th – Bedding & More **~ Location:** Across from the Faith Manor elevators

Tuesday November 17th – Avon **~ Location:** Across from the Faith Manor elevators

Thursday November 19th – Mobile Senior Shop **~ Location:** Heritage Hall

Tuesday November 24th – Traditions Alive **~ Location:** Across from the Faith Manor elevators

Reoccurring Programs

Event	Date & Time	Location
Peace Tower Coffee Social	Mondays 10:30am	Horizon Hall
Roman Catholic Mass	Mondays 10am	Harmony Hall
Let's Sing	Mondays 7pm	Heritage Hall
Hope & Trinity Tower Coffee Social	Tuesdays 10am	Harmony Hall
Devotions	Tuesday's & Thursday's	Ch.990
Current Events	Tuesdays 10:30am	King Tower Library
Fun + Fitness	Tuesdays & Fridays 11am	Heritage Hall

Bridge Club	Tuesdays 1pm	King Tower Library
Covenant Tower Coffee Social	Tuesdays 2:30pm	Harmony Hall
Bid Euchre	Tuesdays 6:30pm	Providence Tower Meeting Room
Bible Devotion Hour	1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month	Harmony Hall 6:30pm
Busy Hands	Wednesdays 9am	Trinity Tower Meeting Room
Nordic Pole Walking	Wednesday 9am	Meet at Billiards Room across Front Reception
Hymn Sing and Bible Study	Wednesdays 10am	Horizon Hall
Art Expressions	Wednesdays 1:30pm	Trinity Tower Meeting Room
Cribbage Club	Wednesdays 1:3opm	Providence Tower Meeting Room
Operation Mercy Yarn Pick up	Every other Wednesdays 2pm	Harmony Hall
Poetry Appreciation Night	Wednesday's 7pm	Covenant Tower Lounge (2nd Floor)
Prayer Shawl Group	Thursdays 10am-11pm	King Tower Library
Tai Chi	Thursdays 10:30am	Horizon Hall
Klaverjassen	Thursdays 1pm	King Tower Library
Scrabble Club	Thursday 1:30pm	Providence Tower Meeting Room
Line Dancing	Thursdays 2pm	Horizon Hall

KTEE Euchre	Thursdays 7pm	Horizon Hall
Chair Yoga Cost: $5	Fridays 11am	Horizon Hall
BINGO	Fridays 7pm	Harmony Hall
Games Night	Friday 7pm	Horizon Hall
Providence Tower Coffee Social	Saturdays 10am	Providence Tower Meeting Room
King Tower Coffee Social	Saturdays 10am	Horizon Hall

Upcoming Events/Trips

Movie Matinee 

On Thursday December 3rd, you will have the opportunity to watch *The Tabernacle Choir perform holiday anthems from their 2024 Christmas concert with the orchestra and special guests Michael Maliakel and Lesley Nicole.* **Cost: $5 (Includes coffee/tea/dessert and movie). Please pay at the door.**

Handel's Messiah Concert Trip – *School Bus*

Christmas isn't Christmas until you experience the timeless music of George Frederick Handel's masterpiece, Messiah!

Join us on Friday December 4th for a truly memorable musical experience as the GBC, renowned for its crystal-clear sound, vocal agility, and sublime perfection, brings this magnificent work to life. Accompanied by a vibrant, historically informed Baroque Orchestra, this performance promises to capture the beauty and grandeur of one of the most beloved works of the Christmas season.

Under the inspired leadership of Ron Greidanus, who will conduct from the harpsichord, this promises to be a wonderful celebration of music, tradition, and the spirit of Christmas.

The cost to join us on this trip is $68, this will include the cost to get into the concert along with your transportation to and from the concert (by school bus). The concert begins at 7:30pm, and is taking place at Christ Church in Brampton.

Please purchase tickets through front reception, cash (exact amount) and cheque (Made out to Holland Christian Homes) only for payment. **A little note:** Please note that trips are subject to sufficient interest. If there aren't enough participants, the trip may need to be cancelled. Everyone will be notified if this happens, and any money paid will be refunded. Thank you for your understanding!

Halton Hills Concert Band

Join us on Tuesday, December 8th, at 7pm in Heritage Hall as we welcome back the Halton Hills Concert Band! They'll help us get into the Christmas spirit with a wonderful evening of festive music, including opportunities for everyone to join in and sing along.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy this special holiday performance. An open offering will be received following the concert.

Cardinal Choir

Join us on Thursday, December 10th, at 2pm in Heritage Hall for a wonderful afternoon of Christmas music with the Cardinal Choir, under the direction of Robert Hennig. Enjoy an uplifting performance filled with festive favourites to help celebrate the joy and spirit of the Christmas season.

Everyone is welcome to attend! An open offering will be received following the performance.

Brunch & Ripley's Aquarium Trip

On Tuesday January 19th you will have the opportunity to join us on our trip to Ripley's Aquarium. *Ripley's Aquarium of Canada in Toronto features over 20,000 aquatic animals across 450+ species, with immersive exhibits, interactive touch experiences, and North America's longest underwater shark tunnel.*

Immerse yourself among thousands of awe-inspiring aquatic animals and get closer than ever before with interactive, hands-on experiences, unique animal encounters, and exciting events! We will leave HCH and make our way to Brunch for our first

stop (Restaurant TBD). We will have a brunch first, before continuing on to the Aquarium, where you will have the opportunity to explore at your own pace. When we are finished we will make our way back to HCH. For those that sign up, an itinerary will be sent to your mailbox a week before the trip with the exact timings. When the restaurant is determined, information will go out on Ch. 990, the communication boards and of course December Tie that Binds. The purchase of a ticket covers the cost to get into Ripley's Aquarium, and the coach ride. The stop for brunch is at your own expense. **Cost: $70, Tickets are available for purchase at Front Reception**

Toronto Sinfonia Returns to HCH

I have been in contact with the orchestra, and we are hoping to try again in the spring, with a tentative date of March 2027, the soloist for this performance will be harpist Teresa Suen-Campbell and the young competition-winning pianist Theadora Koski. Please mark your calendars and keep an eye out for more information!

Thank you for your understanding, and we hope to see you in the spring!

Towers Nursing News

**Dates are subject to change. Announcements for date/time changes will be posted on CH990.

- For Denturist clinic please call (905) 453-3393 to send your information in for appointment. CARRS will contact you with an appointment time.
- **Mobility Clinic:** November 18th, Clinic starts at 1pm.
- **Hearing Aid Clinic**: Call 416-843-1986 to book an appointment with Wendy Caswell.
- **Foot Care Nurse:** November 11th & 25th. Please sign up on the list at TNO.
- Dr. Douglas Vlaskamp's **Chiropractic** open Friday afternoons 1:30-3:40pm, please call his office for an appointment at 905-451-3963
- **Physiotherapy Department:** Open. Please call 647-717-3422 to book an appointment

Sonya's Store - Seasonal treats now available!



Pepernoten



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Chocolate letters are in!

All Things Almond!
Rings, sticks and stollen







FROM THE DESK OF THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Following you will find the changes that have taken place at Holland Christian Homes during the month of October.

We welcome to the Towers:

Mr. Francis Ho & Mrs. Katie Ng	KT 701
Ms. Joan & Ms. Monica Mitchell & Ms. Ermine Wiltshire	PT 801
Ms. Geeta Mathur	CT 808
Ms. Meera Oberoi	CT 1107
Mr. Calvin & Mrs. Beryl Collins	PT 1204

We welcome to Grace Manor:

Mr. George Elmo	GM 218
Mrs. Earling Holas	GM 304
Mrs. Evelyn Palmer	GM 308/2

We welcome to Faith Manor:

Mrs. Phyllis Hashmi	FM 313
Mr. Oheneba Afikura	FM 114
Mrs. Alzira Rocha	FM 323
Mrs. Wilfred Meyer	FM 301

Changes within the facility:

Mrs. Hennie VanDuyvendyk	PT 1003 to FM 202
Mrs. Maria Grez	GM 308/2S to GM 208/2S
Mr. John Tooth	FM 103 to FM 202

Moved out of HCH:

Mrs. Ruby Muir	KT 801
Ms. Patsy Best	HT 514

Our thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones of those that have passed away:

We remember:

Mr. Geaorge VanDyk	PeT 1101
Mrs. Angela Gayle-Patten	GM 202
Mrs. Ursel Sacha	FM 301
Mrs. Margaret Jones	FM 323-B
Mr. David Adams	GM 315N
Mrs. Ann Jackson	FM 202

Sincerely,
Gifty Adjei
Tenant Business Services

The Pond 3

Ever wonder where the gaggling geese stay?
One way is to follow their flight path during the day.
They head for the Sheridan College holding pond.
Of that peaceful place they are rather fond.

Geese form a strong social bond.
They are never alone in the pond.
They move in tight formation,
For safety and communication.

When the larger male goose takes off in flight,
It is followed by his partner before he's out of sight.
The rest of the gaggling group follows too,
Making the approved quacking sound they do.

The pond is also for ducks who are there at ease.
Several ducks watched some superior geese,
Eagerly feeding on the underwater weeds.
Waiting until the geese had filled their needs.

Walkers with large wheels take the path with ease.
Those who take the challenge will be pleased
It is a great path to get some needed fresh air.
So much better than to sit all day on a chair.

Dirk Van der Male – Peace Tower



Editor's Note

Dear Tenants, Residents, and Friends of Holland Christian Homes,

As November settles in, we are reminded of the beauty of the changing season and the many reasons we have to be grateful. The vibrant colours of autumn begin to give way to the quieter days of late fall, offering opportunities to reflect, connect with others, and appreciate the warmth of community during the cooler months ahead.

In this edition of **The Tie That Binds**, you'll find information about upcoming programs, events, and activities taking place throughout our community. We hope these opportunities encourage you to stay active, engaged, and connected with friends and neighbours as we move into the final weeks of autumn.

As always, we value your feedback and welcome your comments, ideas, and suggestions. Your input helps us continue to strengthen and enrich our community and ensure it remains a welcoming place for everyone.

Wishing you a wonderful November filled with gratitude, friendship, good health, and many moments of joy. 😊

Garry Mercer

Tie that Binds Feedback Form

Name:

Comments:

November Birthday's

PeT 907	Helena Wilson	04—11
PeT 407	Everdina Knor	05—11
KT 703	Heather Campbell	06—11
KT 1406	Karen Bergey	07—11
KT 1204	Dan VanBeilen	08—11
KT 1002	Alice Stassen	08—11
PeT 1506	Dicky Bronsveld	09—11
KT 1303	Stien Ligterink	10—11
HT 611	Sonya Kalverda	11—11
PT 1305	Shirley Campbell	12—11
PeT 1002	Rosemary Mast	14—11
PT 301	Antonio Baptista	15—11
HT 512	John Smele	17—11
CT 1105	Joanne Maan	18—11
KT 1003	Deborah O'Rourke	18—11
CT 1003	Eda Steringa	19—11
HT 602	Hank Vanzeumeren	20—11
CPH06	Helen Steinke	21—11
CT 505	Cecilia Devalia	22—11
PT 906	Gurinder Grewal	23—11
CT 402	Joan Suggett	23—11
KT 907	Jean Cook	24—11
KT 509	Lia Boonstra	25—11
KT 1103	Maria Vannieuwenhuizen	26—11
PeT 808	John Ennema	26—11
HT 503	Jean Kisby	27—11
PT 401	Peter Cade	28—11
PeT 402	Joan Knobl	28—11
PeT 1103	Marian Speelman	28—11

December Birthday's



CT 1002	Rita Veldhoen	01 – Dec
TT 317	Renee Young	04 – Dec
KT 306	Jane Moddison	04 – Dec
CT 705	Andrew Siderius	05 – Dec
HT 205	Edith Williams	06 – Dec
CT 404	Beverly Harris	06 – Dec
PT 1104	Frans Vandalfsen	07 – Dec
PeT 608	Elizabeth Hazell	07 – Dec
PeT 1305	Mary Ann Visser	07 – Dec
KT 608	Felicity Alexander	08 – Dec
PeT 1405	Retinella Grove	09 – Dec
HT 501	Sameh Rehan	09 – Dec
PeT 1306	Okja Kastein	10 – Dec
PeT 1405	Paul Robert Grove	10 – Dec
PT 207	Margaret Poot	11 – Dec
KT 1201	Femmie Terpstra	12 – Dec
PT 705	Maureen Ratcliff	12 – Dec
CT 1006	Irene Winter	14 – Dec
PeT 1205	Antje Gerda Veenstra	17 – Dec
HT 405	Cor Vandorp	18 – Dec
KT 506	Johanna Vanbodegom	18 – Dec
CT 909	Johanna Depleijt	19 – Dec
TT 603	Teodora Tanguin	20 – Dec
CT 712	Mavis Lewis	21 – Dec
KT 708	Doreen Wiebe	22 – Dec
PeT 706	Eunice Postma	23 – Dec
PT 904	Simon Riemersma	24 – Dec
CT 301	Margaret Ouwehand	24 – Dec
KT 601	James Bird	25 – Dec
PT 909	Hilligje Feikema	26 – Dec
PT 1305	Dennis Campbell	27 – Dec
KT 502	Margarete Dutnall	29 – Dec
KT 301	Audrey Hoekstra	29 – Dec
HT 405	Alice Vandorp	29 – Dec
CT 1106	Gay Heikamp	30 – Dec
CT 707	Eduard Talma	30 – Dec
PT 1202	Dorothy Green	30 – Dec

PEST AWARENESS & REPORTING

A SAFER BRIGHTER TOMORROW TOGETHER

CLEAN HOMES • HEALTHY PEOPLE • STRONGER COMMUNITIES

1 Pest Awareness & Reporting

If you see or suspect pests in your apartment

- Do not be ashamed or afraid to report. Contact Maintenance or the Tenant Business Services Office immediately. Early reporting helps prevent pests from spreading to other apartments.



2 Pest Awareness & Reporting

Home remedies do not work for pests -

Do not treat pest issues yourself or use store-bought pest-control products. HCH uses a certified pest control company. Do not move furniture or belongings through common areas without first speaking to management (bug infested furniture must be wrapped prior to being moved through common areas).



DO NOT TREAT PEST ISSUES YOURSELF

3 Pest Awareness & Reporting

Do Not Bring Discarded Furniture Back Inside -

Furniture placed outside for disposal may contain pests and should never be reiturned to the building or any apartment. Your cooperation helps ensure effective treatment and a safe living environment for all tenants.



ONCE IT'S OUT, KEEP IT OUT

THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART!

HEALTHY APARTMENTS • HAPPY NEIGHBORS • STRONGER TOGETHER

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November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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