



Supporting Resident Care and Quality of Life for McCormick Home and Alzheimer Outreach Services



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You make life so much better for McCormick Home residents and clients. Thank you for your support to McCormick Home.

McCormick Home is a special place. It is a long-term care home with a difference. What makes us special? You do. And of course, our residents, our clients, our families, our life enrichment programs, our volunteers, and our staff all add to the special atmosphere of caring.

The McCormick Home Life Enrichment programs are designed to serve the special needs of our residents and clients with Alzheimer Disease and other related dementia. The programs ensure safety, encourage interaction with others, and provide an enjoyable environment which promotes the self esteem of all participants.

Recently, in the Great Room (the heart of McCormick Home), a music program with John Moorhouse was taking place. What a party! Residents who could were up and dancing and those who couldn't were toe-tapping, clapping and laughing with smiles all around. As Mr. Moorhouse announced a song (all the old favourites of course) "Have I Told You Lately..." the residents beat him to the ending and called out "That I Love You". Such joy as everyone joined in to sing along!

This is just one example of why we need your help today. We want to keep these programs going at McCormick Home so that our seniors today and our loved ones tomorrow will be engaged, active and involved in life as much as they possibly can. Please renew your support today.

The Alzheimer Outreach Services program of McCormick Home is another example of a program that provides specially designed life enrichment activities for those that live in the community with Alzheimer Disease and other related dementia. Clients or "Club Members" as they are known, arrive each morning at 9:30 a.m. to begin their day. This special

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time at "The Club", gives caregivers a rest with the knowledge that their loved ones are cared for in a safe and secure environment, and have the opportunity to interact with others, make new friends and enjoy activities that enhance their quality of life

On a recent afternoon at "The Club", 50 members were enjoying various activities. In the Ivy Room, a musical group called the In-Swing Band, were singing Irish tunes in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Club members were decked out in bright green sequined vests and hats and were dancing, clapping and singing along with the trio. In another room, a non-competitive mini-golf game was underway where a portable putting green was laid on the floor. Staff and volunteers assisted Club Members with their putting abilities. Fun and interactive activities that produce a lot of smiles and good cheer all around.

McCormick Home needs your help now to continue these vital life enriching programs to both residents and Club members. So please, give as generously as you can.

Your gift today will help ensure the continuation of life enrichment programs that enhance the lives of our residents and Club members now and in the future. Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Batch President (Volunteer)

P.S. Your commitment is vital to McCormick Home so that we can continue to provide these life enriching programs to those with Alzheimer Disease and other related dementias. Thank you for renewing your support.