

**35**  
Years of Excellence

## We've Moved!

The sun shone brightly on the morning of Thursday, May 12, 2005. It marked a historic day in the history of Bethany Lodge. For the first time in our 35 year history, we began the operation of the Bethany complex from two separate locations.



After many months of detailed planning, the actual move went off without a hitch. On Tuesday, volunteers assisted residents with their packing and labeling of belongings. Wednesday saw another team of volunteers



travel to Bethany West to assist with the unpacking of the furniture and personal effects. Thursday, the residents themselves were transported to their new surroundings.



With the assistance of many cheerful helpers, the move went very smoothly. Even the most senior of residents were positive in their approach, and as one of them remarked during her bus ride, "I'm just enjoying all the scenery!" For the most part, family members were able to assist their loved ones in setting up their new rooms, and making them look like 'home'!



We would welcome volunteers to assist at the new location. Please contact Beth Sparrow, Programme Coordinator at (905) 477 3838 Ex. 232.

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# Our New Home - Settling In

The move from our Unionville site to Bethany West at the Baycrest site took place in mid-May. While many aspects of the relocation have worked quite well, a number of issues resulting from the change are being dealt with by the Board and Administration to ensure that the quality of care and other services we provide returns to, and remains at, the level we had at the Unionville site.

Some of the challenges we faced with the change of location were:

We had an initial reduction in our resident occupancy. Bethany has enjoyed full occupancy (101 Beds) for many years. However, we saw a decline beginning in late March 2005 and continuing until we moved to Baycrest with approximately 73 residents. Since our income is based on occupancy, we experienced a significant reduction in operating income. We are happy to report an increase in occupancy to 93 residents by the end of July.

There are a number of building inefficiencies at the Baycrest site which have become increasingly evident to us: a) The kitchen facilities do not have the same space resulting in food being ordered and delivered every other day rather than the twice per week at our Unionville site; b) The dining areas are smaller and spread over multiple rooms on three floors; c) the residents are on three floors rather than the two floors we had at our original site, and d) elevator service is slow.

In addition to the foregoing, we are operating and caring for residents at two sites: Bethany West and Bethany Manor which remains in Unionville. It is clear to us now that the level of staffing required to cope with the inefficiencies of the new site was underestimated. Although resident health and safety has never been put at risk, some residents have experienced a def-

inite decline in their level of service and quality of life. This is something we find unacceptable, and for which we apologize. Nursing and dietary staff have now been increased to a level which we feel will provide our residents with the level of care to which they have been accustomed and deserve.

On the positive side, both the staff and residents have been grateful for the excellent level of climate control available at Bethany West. This has protected our residents from the effects of this summer's unseasonably warm weather.

The Board of Directors and Administration will continue to monitor this situation to ensure that service levels return to and remain at the pre-move standards.

## Financial Update as of July 31, 2005



**\$178,000**

Bethany's building campaign is half way through the 2005 year. To date, we have raised \$178,000 of the required \$400,000 for the calendar year. The Lord has graciously provided these funds through the kindness of our friends' generous bequests, individual gifts and assembly donations. Thank you for your continued support.

## *Ontario* **Senior Achievement Award**

On December 17, 2004, Andrew Roberts was invited to attend a reception at Queen's Park. In the presence of John Gerretsen, Minister Responsible for Seniors, and James Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Andrew was presented with the Ontario Senior Achievement award for his contributions to society.

At the age of 100, Andrew launched a writing career, including his first essay entitled, 'How Old Is Old?' It won first prize in the Markham Fair competition. Since then, he has written other essays including, 'Father's Day at Bethany' and another favourite, 'School Daze, School Daze', which Andrew presented at the Bethany Benefit Dinner, 2005.



# Bethany Benefit Dinner Success

Our third annual Benefit Dinner was held on Friday, April 15th, 2005 at the Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall. While enjoying their appetizers, guests were greeted by the melodious sounds of Chantal Dube's harp. Once again, the main dining room



was transformed by the magical touch of Rachel Clingen's decorating team.

Andrew Roberts, our 102.5 year old resident, returned to entertain us with one of his essays, 'School Daze, School Daze'. It proved to be a humorous account of his early days spent in the educational field.



The Master's Four quartet provided a wonderful evening of musical entertainment. Their musical presentations were interspersed with audience participation, including the roast of a good-natured couple celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary!



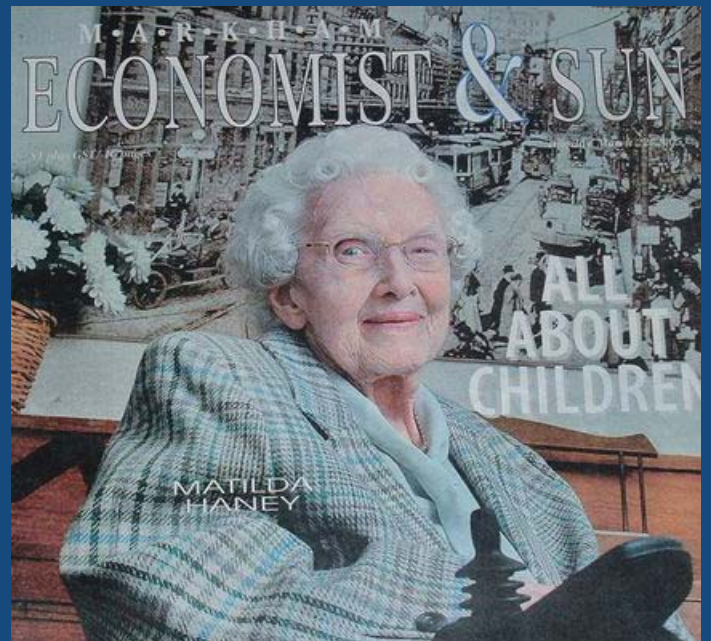
We are indebted to those who have supported Bethany Lodge through their attendance at the annual dinners, and look forward to your presence at next year's event. Our profit from the 2005 dinner was \$35,500.



# TILLEY HANEY HONOURED

At the Markham 'All About Kids Festival' held in February, 2005, Tilley was honoured for over 50 years of assisting children. After the untimely death of her only daughter in 1943, Tilley decided that she would devote her life to helping other people's children. Throughout the years, she has combed garage sales, sent care packages to missionaries, and packed boxes for shipping to Africa. Due to health problems, Tilley is no longer able to continue this work, but will long be remembered for her contribution to humanity.

**We offer Tilley our sincere congratulations!**



# VOLUNTEER REMINDER

Call Beth Sparrow at 905-477-3838 Ext.232

# Closure of Unionville Bethany Lodge

Following the move of the Bethany Lodge residents to their new location, volunteers spent two weeks in the former plant, gathering together items for a Garage Sale. The sale, held on Saturday, May 28th, raised \$3,000.

Most items were pooled in the large dining room with the overflow being placed in the office sitting room and the main entrance. Large price items were sold by silent auction, and competition for the two pianos became very intense! We had desks, tables, cupboards, chairs, vases, books, toys, dried flowers, etc. for sale. Surplus hospital beds were donated to a mission group in Ecuador. The kitchen equipment will be installed at a summer camp run by evangelical church groups. Other useful items were gladly accepted by the ACTS group. Bethany Lodge has had a record of serving others, and this was true, even to the end!

A brief service of closer was held, with speeches given by John Paul, President of Bethany Lodge, and John Adams, Pastoral Assistant. Afterwards, a huge cake bearing the new Bethany logo was enjoyed by the guests.



Our new website was launched on June 10, 2005. In addition to many new features, we are pleased to announce a photo link with the Blackthorn Construction website ([www.blackthorn.ca](http://www.blackthorn.ca)). Regular updates will keep you informed of the Unionville Bethany Lodge rebuild

Visit the new web site at

[www.bethanylodge.org](http://www.bethanylodge.org)

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