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Heather Kelly - D.O.C.

Since assuming the role of Director of Care in the fall of 2005, I have been challenged and humbled by the unique experiences encountered. We will continue to face new challenges as we prepare to relocate in our new home in Unionville.

Prior to my tenure as Director of Care, I spent the previous 16 years working in various clinical and supervisory capacities. In addition, I have also served as a clinical preceptor for the nursing programmes at the University of Toronto, Ryerson University and 2 local community colleges - Seneca and Centennial. My primary passion has been in Emergency Care, but I also have significant experience in the areas of Clinical Research, Forensic Nursing, Cardiology and in Community Care.

During my nursing training, I spent one summer as a PSW at Bethany. I also acted as a nursing assistant at North York General Hospital. After graduation in 1989, I spent, six months on a medical floor at North York. Later that year I began work on the Cardiology Care floor at the recently opened Scarborough Grace Hospital. One year later I was accepted into a program in conjunction with the hospital and Centennial College to complete my "Critical Care Certificate" and began my many years as an emergency nurse, working either full-time or part-time in conjunction with my other roles.

I have experienced many different aspects of our health care system in action but living through the 'SARS' epidemic has left a lasting memory in my career. We treated the index case at the Grace Campus emergency followed by many others, including some dear friends and colleagues. Although being a very frightening and uncertain time, I did feel that I had participated in a piece of history that we all faced together and had come out stronger

because of it. Having lived through this time I began searching for some new avenues of work. When the Bethany Director of Care position became available, both my husband and I felt it would be a good fit for my career objectives and a real challenge for me personally.

Growing up, I had always been exposed to Bethany through church and family ties. With two of my grandparents having been residents at Bethany, I was exposed to the excellent Christian-centered care that my loved ones received while they lived here. I have also come to acknowledge and respect the unique contributions that each of the staff makes on a daily basis, and the holistic "Christian Centered" approach that they take with our residents. I am confident that staff are enriching their lives in the same capacity that they have touched mine.

My husband, Tony, and I live in Ajax and are involved in various activities at our church, Forest Brook Community Church. I work with the youth and ladies ministries and have a keen interest in missions. Working as a short term missionary over the past 20 years has greatly influenced the person that I am today.

Bethany has come a long way since its origins were conceptualized and the first wing was built in 1967-70. However, our spirit and commitment of providing a loving Christian environment for seniors based on biblical teaching, community and hospitality remain very much alive today. I look forward to working with each and every one of you at Bethany to ensure that we will provide an environment that is supportive of the spiritual, emotional, physical needs and rights of both our residents and staff.

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**Bethany Lodge, 23 Second St.
Unionville, ON L3R 2C2**



BUILDING UPDATE

Mike Da Silva, G.S.C.

Blackthorn Project/Construction Managers

We continue to be grateful for the kindness of our gracious God!

Everything on site is proceeding well. The unusually warm winter months have brought both advantages and disadvantages (i.e. heavy machinery getting bogged down in the mud and also flooding of the site). The project is approximately 45% complete. This percentile includes the foundations, masonry shear walls, structural steel, exterior studs and sheathing, core slab, and mechanical/electrical rough-ins.

There are many players involved in managing a project of this magnitude: the Board of Directors, Building Committee, Design Committee, Finance Committee, Administration, Consultants, MOH, MOL and the Town of Markham.

Bi-weekly separate meetings are held with all trades and consultants on site. It was a real privilege to have two of our founding brethren, Mr. Ed Hannah, and Mr. Laurie Roberts, with us at our last trade meeting. Various issues are discussed at these meetings. (i.e. site conditions, scheduling, safety, site instructions and

on-site issues). Most trades contacted me, and told me how much they appreciated the meeting, particularly the part when the board members told them that they appreciated their hard work, and cooperation.

It does the heart good to see such men respecting one another. It is a pleasure to work with all who are involved for the good of one cause. It reminds me of Psalm 133:1, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Please continue to pray for us all.

Watch for the bricks going up in early May! (D.V.)



Bethany's Fourth Annual Benefit Dinner

On March 31, 2006, the sound of joyous music filled the halls of the Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall. Chantal Dubé and Cheryl Hodgson, a harp and violinist duo, provided entertainment during the reception hour. Guests entering the dining hall were welcomed by the exceptional decorating talents of Rachel Clingen and her team of workers. Mark Bates, acting as MC for the evening, greeted the guests and thanked them for attending. Mike Da Silva, Project Manager for the Bethany rebuild, presented a fascinating historical clip of Bethany, including a fast-forward visual show of the current rebuild project.



After a delicious meal, we were entertained by the guest soloist, Hiram Joseph. His rich tenor voice and uplifting songs were a welcome climax to our wonderful evening of fellowship.



On behalf of Bethany, we would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this evening a success. As a result of your support and participation, we raised **\$25,000** for the Bethany Foundation Fund.

BILL PARTON RETIRES



The end of January 2006 marked the retirement of Bill Parton, our Chief Financial Officer. Shortly after that, Bill and Marilyn, his wife, were headed for a well deserved rest, first on a cruise, then to a beach in Florida.

Bill came to Bethany as a director while he was still Vice President of Finance at Doctor's Hospital. The experience he brought to Bethany, both in the areas of finance, accounting and operations, and in the operation and function of a board of directors, was invaluable. In addition to serving as a director, Bill was Bethany's Treasurer until May of 2001. At that time, he resigned from the Board, in order to assume the position of Bethany's Director of Finance.

In 2001, Bethany was confronted by the need to redevelop our home to meet new standards imposed by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. The financial requirements for this large project were onerous and unforgiving. It was necessary for Bethany to show the board, the ministry and our potential lenders that we were capable of managing our operations consistently within the financial guidelines set by the Ministry. In cooperation with Basil Tambakis, the new Administrator, Bill put together the financial systems and the budgeting process necessary to accomplish this. He spent endless hours educating both our managers and the board on the niceties of proper financial management. Ultimately, we were successful and obtained both a redevelopment agreement with the MOHLTC and the necessary financing from our lender.

Bill was incredibly generous with the time he gave to Bethany, and probably worked more unpaid hours than many of our volunteers. Along with the rest of our staff, Bill bore the burden and the strain of the move to Bethany West and the division of our operations.

On behalf of all the Bethany stakeholders, we would like to thank Bill for his many, many contributions, and his heartfelt concern for Bethany and the residents. We would also like to thank Marilyn Parton for supporting Bill in his extra hours and for her many hours of part time and volunteer work over the years.

LOUISE deROO



With the imminent departure of Bill Parton, it was critical to select a worthy replacement for the position of Director of Finance. All major departments and positions were involved in the selection of Louise deRoo, C.A. and we were happy when she accepted our offer.

Louise has worked with a variety of non-profit Christian mission and relief organizations both in Canada and Africa. In addition, Louise spent six years as the Director of Finance for the Scarborough Community Care Access Centre. CCAC centres process applications for long term care. With this experience, Louise is very familiar with the funding model for Long Term Care and how to properly manage our relationship with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Louise attends Spring Garden Baptist Church in Willowdale.

Please join us in welcoming Louise to the Bethany family.

Bethany Manor

Are you or your senior loved ones finding the day-to-day chores becoming too much? Have you considered **Bethany Manor**, a Christian facility, as a possible alternative?

Located in Unionville, and adjacent to Bethany Lodge, a new 128 bed long term care facility (under construction), we offer you a home away from home, complete with a happy and caring Christian community. Delicious home-cooked meals, snacks and weekly housekeeping services are provided. In addition, there are regular Bible study groups, craft activities, hymn sings and socials on a weekly basis. Your medical needs are served by visiting physicians and lab work facilities. On-site nursing care is available 24/7.

Please feel free to visit us at any time. If your visit coincides with meal time, why not stay and enjoy the fellowship? (advance reservations are preferred). We currently have one and two room suites available.

For further information or to arrange a

tour, please contact:

Helen Gabrielse
(416-990-2309)

or

Christina McKenzie
(905-477-3838), Ex. 232

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

New volunteers should contact Christina McKenzie at 905-477-3838 Ext.232

Have you considered volunteering at Bethany West? With the residents spread over three floors, extra hands are always welcome, especially at meal times.

Transportation is provided, Monday to Friday from the east lobby of Bethany Manor. The taxi leaves at 9:45 am and returns 1:45 pm.

Please sign your name in the Bethany Manor lobby 24 hours in advance.



LEAH'S POEM

PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKERS (P.S.W.)

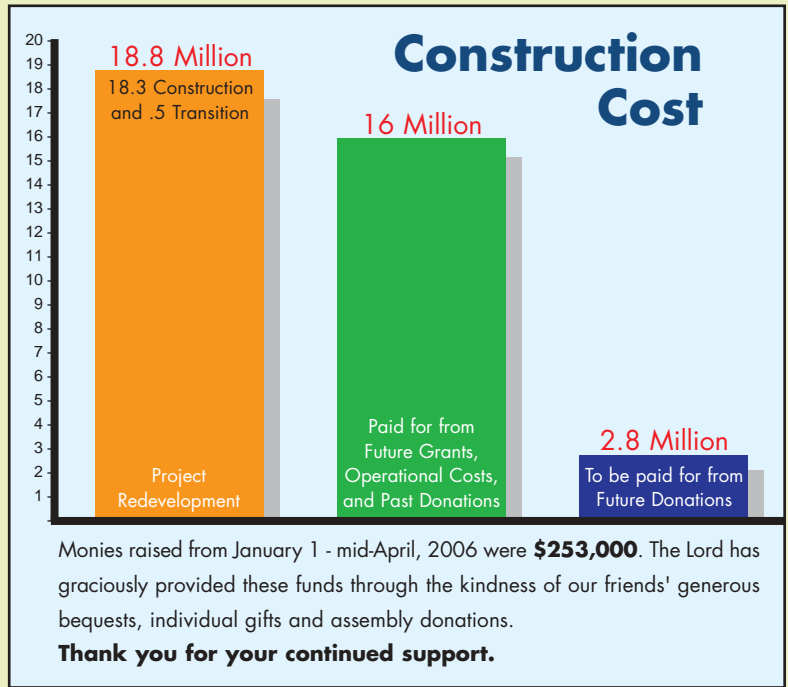
Names like flowers in a row,
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 Like goddesses on Mount Olympus!
 Maidens of Bacchus!
 They help to ease the pain of the old
 Pills, towels, drinks served with a smile.
 A bell summons.
 They bring kindness and understanding to all.
 They bring us tea and help us to the
 10th degree!
 Compassionate in all they do. .
 P.S.W. of Bethany is there for you,
 Caring for us is such a treat. . .
 P.S.W. of Bethany Centre
 Can't be beat!

RESIDENT FAMILY DINNER

Our annual Resident Family dinner, held on February 21, 2006, certainly provided us with some challenges! Residents from Bethany Manor were bused to the Bethany West location. This was the first time that all our residents were united since moving day last May. There was great excitement as old friends met and enjoyed a time of fellowship!

Dinner was served in the Baycrest Posluns Auditorium, complete with a catered kosher meal. The tables were decorated with lovely centerpieces created by some of the Bethany Manor residents. During the meal, we were entertained by tenor Steve Harland and Pam Ronson on piano. Despite the minor glitches, the evening proved to be a wonderful time for all. We extend our sincere thanks to all family members and residents who attended.

We look forward to serving next year's Resident Family Dinner in our new home!



Donation Pledge

- I am interested in receiving the **Bethany Broadcaster** at home
- I would like to make a donation to the **Bethany Lodge Foundation** (see box below)

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