

### Bits & Bites

# WILLIAM BOOTH SPECIAL CARE HOME NEWSLETTER

### **CHRISTMAS EDITION**



### Message from the Desk of Major Wayne (E.D.)

Where has the time gone? It is now well into December, when it seems like fall just ended. But evidence of December and Christmas is here. Driving around at nights shows the many lights and decorations that are displayed on homes, business and street lamps. I just love the lights and the creativity many Regina residents show with their displays. Soon, Sharon and I will be driving around various neighbourhoods with our family, including our energetic grandkids, to enjoy the displays. I hope the heat in our vehicle works!

The lights remind me of the reason for this season. It is opportunity to celebrate, enjoy family, refresh and even take a breath to focus on the blessings we have, even during the struggles life has presented.

Sharon and I are so thankful for the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, who has shared his blessings, comfort and guidance with us.

May your Christmas be safe and may your spirits be lifted with Hope and Joy.

Donation Gift Wrapping on Wednesday December 21st at 1:30. Residents and staff will be packaging and wrapping Christmas gifts for two local charities: The Salvation Army Kate's Place and The Regina Community Fridge. For anyone who wants to donate, please deliver to Jordyn by December 20th.



## Private Family Gathering Opportunity

During Christmas and New Years, there is a space available to have a small private family gathering. Further information and booking details can be attained through Jordyn Hilbig, Recreation Therapist 306-564-6219 jordyn.hilbig@salvationarmy.ca

### **Candlelight Service**

Annual Christmas Candlelight Service to be held Sunday, December 18th @ 6:30 pm in our Chapel.

This is a special time for the residents where we can celebrate the birth of our Saviour!

Webpage: https://williamboothregina.ca Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/

### Fill the Kettle Day:

On December 17, join
@WalmartCanada for Fill the
Kettle Day! When you give to
Salvation Army kettles at
participating locations, your
gift will go twice as far to help
neighbours in need. Walmart
will double your impact by
matching donations up to
\$100,000 to help us give hope
to vulnerable Canadians! Visit
your local participating
Walmart and join our army of
givers this Christmas!

Taking Loved One Out
Over the Holidays

We know many of you will take the opportunity to enjoy a visit with your loved one outside of William Booth for a day over the holidays. We would ask that you advise us of your plan to do so 24 hours in advance so we can ensure everything is ready for the outing.

Christmas Gift Delivery on Friday December 23rd at 3:00. We are so thankful to our two sponsors, Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Association and Edco Plumbing and Heating for thinking of our residents during the holiday season. Our recreation staff will delivering and helping residents open their Christmas gifts all afternoon as they enjoy the holiday spirit.



Calendar of Resident Activities can be found on our webpage

### **Masking**

Wearing of William Booth provided masks continues to be a requirement in all common areas. The use of masks is recommended when visiting in private rooms.

<sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

Christmas Day, there will be two church services available to residents. One from our Chaplain, Major Sharon at 9:30, and a Catholic Communion Service, by our local volunteers at 11:00. Following the services, residents will be hand delivered special gifts from William Booth, by our recreation staff. The rest of this special day will be filled with Christmas caroling, Christmas treats and friendly visits.

#### **Donation of Food**

Due to ongoing restrictions, we are unable to accept donated food such as goodies, baking, pizza and other open treats for distribution amongst staff or residents. For those who want to donate food items to staff, if they are individually and professionally wrapped, such as a box of chocolates, candies, etc. they can be accepted but since we cannot share food amongst staff, names will be drawn for those items.