

News & Views

From

Spencer Home Foundation

Welcome to the first addition of the Spencer Home Foundation Newsletter (**News & Views**).

The Spencer Home Foundation, a registered charity (799935754RR0001), has been established to raise funds, not provided by the Provincial Government, to enhance the quality of life of the residents of Spencer Home.

Music is healing to the soul and in 2010, thanks to many generous donors, the Spencer Home Foundation was able to purchase a Yamaha Baby Grand piano for the chapel. You would be encouraged seeing the joy on the faces of our residents as many gifted musicians come to the home to entertain these seniors; many of these seniors.

The new project identified by the Foundation is the purchase of a new wheel- chair accessible bus. Our goal is to raise \$90,000. The old bus is no longer reliable. There have been costly repairs made to it many times over. Numerous stories about breakdowns can be told; discouraged seniors left waiting in wheelchairs on the malfunctioning bus while a staff member seeks help, veterans dressed in uniform, secured in their wheelchairs on the bus, waiting to leave for a Remembrance Day Parade and the bus refusing to restart. These saddened and disheartened veterans never did get to the service! Many more stories could be told about hearts saddened by *'a bus that would not go'*. We feel that the bus is more than a WANT, we believe it is a **NECESSITY**.

At our May 3rd fundraising dinner nearly \$22,000 was raised towards the purchase of the bus. To date there is in excess of \$25,000 now set aside towards the purchase of this bus; there is another \$13,000 committed towards this worthy project. We are well along the way towards our goal of \$90,000. We hope to purchase the bus by May 2014 at the latest- sooner would be better.

Fundraising activities take dedicated volunteers and although we have a highly motivated Board, there is room for more volunteers on the Foundation Board. A well used quote, “many hands make light work”, is still as true today as it was many years ago.

Why not consider volunteering on the Foundation Board? Fresh ideas and creative thinkers are welcome. If you do not feel you have the time to commit to all Board activities, consider just being a committee volunteer.

Feel free, without obligation, to contact myself or any Board member to see how you could help enhance the quality of life of the Spencer Home residents.

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