

THE LANGLEY LODGE REVIEW

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Fathers Day



Over the years
As we grow old,
We remember our father
So brave and bold.
In the garden,
Leaning on the plow,
He would listen to me;
I see him now.
He would give advice
And understand;
He was always there
To lend a hand.
God made fathers
Strong and firm
For he knew our lives
Would have great concerns.
So he gave us fathers
To teach us to pray,
And guide our lives,
And show us the way.
So on his day
Let's take the time
To say "Thanks, Dad.
I'm glad you're mine."
-Mary Frances Bogle



Senior Peer Outreach Program

On a warm June evening Kim, Heather, Xavier (Heather's son and an SPOP volunteer) along with Wendy Mathews went out to say hello to 13 of the *Senior Peer Outreach Program* participants. With a sign in hand that read "we miss you" they delivered the gift bags along with well wishes to the participants. The SPOP participants were very pleased to see them, at a distance of course, and everyone had a lot of fun in spreading some good cheer! Many thanks to our fabulous volunteers and Wendy for organizing the event!



News from the TR Department



A Message from our Therapeutic Recreation Manager:

June is now upon us and the summer flowers are really starting to show themselves, a welcome sight for sure! With Mother's Day behind us, the recreation staff would like to thank those family members who provided photos of their mom as young a woman. The stunning photos sparked many wonderful conversations between the elders and the staff, giving us even more insight into their rich and colorful lives. We would like to honor the men in the same way. Please send along pictures of your dad, uncle and/or friend as a young man and the recreation staff will once again create beautiful collages. Please send photos to: LJoyce@langleylodge.org



The recreation staff are thinking ahead to the future and how programs will look once the outbreak is behind us; being ever mindful of how programs are safely delivered. With safety in mind all recreation programs will take place on the Home Area with only small group gatherings of 3-4 elders. Programs will be shorter in length and take place more often throughout the day. Virtual visits will be geared to the morning hours freeing up the afternoon for program delivery.

Thank you for your kind words and good wishes, your ongoing encouragement means a great deal to each of us!

Thank you for ALL of your Generous Donations!



June Birthdays

Donald B.
James C.
Gary M.



★HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

Dorothy B.
Hilda F.
Femmy V.

THANK YOU FRASER HEALTH!

A big shout out goes to the Fraser Health Authority for all of their help and support through these difficult times. They have been a huge assistance with staffing & infection prevention and control!



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COVID-19 Update

Since the beginning of May the staff have been working tremendously hard to bring the COVID outbreak at Langley Lodge to an end. The resilience and strength of everyone involved has brought us closer and we can now see the light at the end of the tunnel. Through all the hard work we have been able to stop the spread of the virus and report no active or new cases of COVID.

During this outbreak we experienced loss like we have never experienced before. Our deepest condolences go out to all those families and we acknowledge the grief and sorrow felt by all. Staff, families and volunteers will continue to cherish the fond memories of those elders that have passed during this pandemic.

We also want to recognize the huge sacrifices that families and our residents have taken, as this world wide pandemic truly impacted everyone involved with Langley Lodge. Our families are deeply missed by residents and staff and we all look forward to a new day.

We continue to move forward with positivity and it's with the ongoing support of our elders, families and the community that will get us to the end of this outbreak. Thank you to everyone.



Langley Lodge Heroes Response Fund



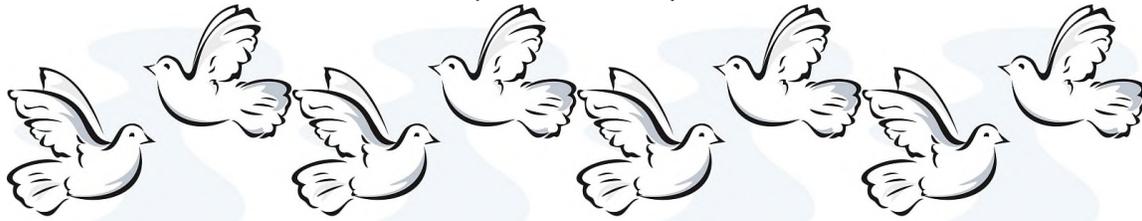
Family and friends are being safely cared for by the heroes of Langley Lodge.
One way you can thank them for their courage is to support their commitment to enhancing quality of life for residents.

By making a donation, you can help us adapt to the increased risks of COVID-19 for seniors and the elderly. Please visit www.langleylodge.org and press the “Donate Now” button at the top of the webpage OR contact the Langley Care Foundation at **604-532-4207.**

We need you to be a hero too.



One of the challenges faced by families and friends of elders living in residential complex care is the absence of personal contact with loved ones. God created human beings to be relational and He noted early on in the Bible that, *"it is not good for man to be alone."*
(Genesis 2:18)



Community is exalted in the Bible. People need one another for support and encouragement during the tough times. We are currently going through some extremely tough times. COVID-19 has created profound obstacles to the way we interact with one another. This new reality has had a deep-seated effect on everyone at Langley Lodge: family, friends, staff, volunteers and elders.

Thankfully, community still exists at Langley Lodge in spite of the scourge of COVID-19. Elders not only form friendships with one another but also with members of our team of devoted health care professionals. Every day, staff at Langley Lodge share joy and sadness with each of the elders. As a community, we deeply grieve the loss of those whose lives have been taken by this dreadful virus. We suffer in sorrow alongside the families and friends of those who passed away.

Helen Keller wisely said, *"What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us."* The Langley Lodge elders who were taken from us by COVID-19 will always be a part of us. Their laughter, feisty joie de vivre, quirks, stories and wisdom will live in our hearts forever.

Tradition calls for human beings to find closure in loss through a ceremonial gathering - a "Celebration of Life" - to honor the memory of our loved ones. To date, because of the pandemic, we have been unable to gather, share our sorrow and find closure.

One great thing about God is that He gave people the extraordinary ability to "think out of the box" during uncertain times. Staff at Langley Lodge has formed a team of caregivers whose task is to "think out of the box" and find a way to celebrate the joy of having known some truly amazing people. Those who have been lost will not be forgotten. When the outbreak has ended and health care authorities deem it safe, we will be holding Celebration of Life ceremonies in remembrance of those who have passed away during this onerous time.

Until then, we can hopefully find comfort in Helen Keller's words and in knowing that our loved ones are resting in God's loving hands.

To the families and friends of the elders whom we have recently lost, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

-Chaplain Laurel