

October 9, 2020

Dear Grace Village Family,

Autumn has come again to the Eastern Townships - in this time of pandemic, it is rather comforting to watch the seasons change. Big events that mark milestones in our year, birthdays, weddings, Golf Tournaments, have been different in 2020, or canceled altogether. We can always trust, however, that the air will get crisp, the leaves will fall, and soon we'll be in 2021, with hopefully some better news for the world.

As we always do at this time of year, I'm writing to share with you our Annual Campaign for the Grace Village Care Foundation. It has been a difficult year financially for us, since we weren't able to host any of our regular fundraising events. We did ask you, our faithful donors, to share with us the \$300 cheque the Federal government provided seniors as COVID-19 support. This Seniors for Seniors Campaign went towards our Resident Support Program, which helps seniors who can't afford the full cost of care. A generous, anonymous donor offered to match those donations up to a maximum of \$100,000. We are proud to share that we raised over that amount, so in total we received \$200,750!

Our annual budget for the resident support program is currently at \$200,000, which means we are able to continue supporting the residents already on our list. This is fantastic news! With those residents taken care of for 2021, we are looking for this year's Annual Campaign to shift our focus back to the Capital Campaign.

As you are probably aware, we still have over \$2 Million to raise by the end of 2021 to finish paying for our beautiful new Care Pavilion at Grace Village. We are so grateful to you for supporting us so incredibly over the years to make this dream a reality. You well know how important this project has been to the senior community of the Eastern Townships. It has been vital, particularly for our English-language seniors, to have this option when they need long-term care. None of this would have been possible without **you**, our Grace Village Family.

Many of you have made commitments to support this project year after year, and for many of us those 5-year pledges are ending soon. *Would you be willing to support our Capital Campaign with an additional donation?* Our goal for this year's Annual Campaign is the same as last year - \$250,000. Of course as always, you can designate your donation to whichever of our funds you prefer.

Simply fill out the included donation slip and mail us a cheque or cash, or you can go online to [URL HERE](#) and pay with credit or debit, or call 819-569-0546 x5033 and make your donation over the phone. We also have good news - making monthly donations off your credit or debit card is easier than ever. You can do so online, or by filling in that portion of the donation slip and mailing it in, or by calling.

Thank you again for your continued support of Grace Village. During these uncertain times, the least we can do for our beloved seniors is to make sure they can continue to have a home in the community they love. Sincerely,



Hon. David Price, President