

Dr. John & Anne Taylor



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Dear Friends,

As summer slips into autumn, we look out our windows and see the changing colors in the trees and feel how blessed we are to live in the beautiful Eastern Townships. We love this area, and the people who live here. We are writing to you today as the Honorary Chairs of this year's Annual Campaign for the Grace Village Care Foundation.

As you may know, Anne & I each moved into Grace Village here in Lennoxville over the course of 2020, and this has truly been one of the most important steps in our lives. We have long been supporters of Grace and of the excellent, compassionate care their staff provides to its residents. My mother Teresa Taylor was one of those residents receiving that excellent care. In fact, I was even there the day they broke ground on the original Grace Christian Home back in 1957. I knew then what I still believe today - that Grace is, and will be, a home built on community.

From the beginning, this home for seniors was built on charity and love of our neighbours. Dr. & Mrs. Klinck, with whom we had a really special relationship, knew how much a senior living home was needed in this area, especially for Anglophones who could not afford the full cost of care. The original land we live on was donated, and the furniture from that first building was collected from friends and family. It was so encouraging then to see a community come together, sacrificing for the vulnerable in their area. Then again over the last 6 years, to see the next generation of our community fundraise and donate towards the new Grace Village Care Pavilion where we live now, has been such a blessing.

This pandemic has been hard for all of us, as I'm sure you are aware, and especially for seniors. However, "The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." - Ralph Waldo Emerson. Our role on this earth is to make a difference. **Will you join Anne & I in making a difference in the lives of the senior residents of Grace Village?**

This year, the Grace Village Care Foundation is focusing their Annual fundraising Campaign on their Advancement Fund. This fund is to finish paying for the new Care Pavilion completed in 2017 at Grace Village. Once it is paid off, funds raised can go towards projects that impact the daily lives of residents.

Thank you for your compassion and care. Together we can make a difference and make this year a little better for the most vulnerable in our community.

Sincerely,

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