



Fondation de Soins **VILLAGE GRACE**
GRACE VILLAGE Care Foundation

ANNUAL APPEAL

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YOUR YEARLY UPDATE ON GRACE VILLAGE & THE FOUNDATION



HOW HAS COVID-19 AFFECTED GRACE VILLAGE & THE GRACE VILLAGE CARE FOUNDATION?

First of all, thank you for your continued support of the seniors of Grace Village. As we begin to envisage the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, we must share how truly encouraged and blessed we have been by the ongoing donations we have received, even with the fundraising difficulties we have had over the last year and a half. 2021 has been another difficult year, trying to anticipate how the pandemic will affect Grace Village, our residents, and any potential fundraisers.

We continue to celebrate that Grace Village has not had any COVID-19 cases by its residents. This is truly a testament to the love and care shown by our wonderful staff. We welcomed the safe return of visitors indoors, and of our amazing volunteers! It

hasn't been easy to do what we do without their gifts of time and energy.

We have some fundraising updates for you on the next page, but we wanted to first let you know about some good news we have from the Foundation. An anonymous donor has decided to match all \$500 donations for our Seniors for Seniors campaign this year, up to a total of \$100,000. This is the second year this donor has made this offer – last year it doubled our donation total for that campaign. It is truly humbling to be part of this amazing community who desire our seniors to have happy, healthy lives in their older ages. Thank you all for your kindness. Please read on for more details on our fundraising efforts.



SENIORS FOR SENIORS

Last summer, when the Federal Government sent out \$300 to seniors to help with extra costs related to COVID-19, we asked for your help – if you did not need that cheque, to share that extra wealth with seniors in need here at Grace Village. We were amazed at your generous response, as we received over \$100,000! This year, as we prepared for our Annual Campaign, we learned that the government will be repeating these grants, increased to \$500 per senior. **We would like to again invite the members of our Grace Village Family to donate this \$500 amount to support seniors who cannot afford the full cost of care, doubled by the matching donor.** This would go a long way in funding the 6 residents we are currently sponsoring. Of course, every donation counts, and we appreciate all gifts no matter the size.



THE GRAND PARADE

We are also excited to announce a new fundraising event for us, The Grand Parade. This fundraising walk takes place all over Canada on September 18 in support of seniors. Teams have been signing up to raise money for the Grace Village Care Foundation, and either walk with us here in Sherbrooke on the 18th, or walk in their own hometown anytime in September. **This will be our biggest fundraising event for 2021 – please consider asking some friends to join you, and walk with us anytime!** To learn more, visit <https://thegrandparade.org/location/sherbrooke>



PUMPKIN PIES

We will again be selling pumpkin pies closer to Thanksgiving this year. Be on the lookout for more details!



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

We are fortunate to have Dr. John & Anne Taylor as our Honorary Chairs of this year's Annual Campaign, and you will read their personal appeal in their own letter attached. Dr. Taylor is a longstanding community-minded fixture of the Eastern Townships, and now he & his wife Anne are beloved residents at Grace Village. **Your support for our Annual Campaign is the biggest reason our Foundation can help seniors.**

As we continue to do our best to support our wonderful residents, and cheer on the amazing work of our staff through this pandemic, we thank you again for your enduring prayers and charity. Without donors like you, our seniors would not have access to the excellent, compassionate, and loving care here at Grace Village.

On behalf of all of us,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "D. Price".

Hon. David Price
President, Grace Village Care Foundation

