



## Media Advisory

# Make a Wish Program “Winners” Announced at St. Joseph’s Villa, Villa St. Gabriel Villa and St. Joseph’s Continuing Care Centre

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St. Joseph’s Villa, Villa St. Gabriel Villa and St. Joseph’s Continuing Care Centre continually strive to create opportunities for residents and patients to enrich their experience during their time at each of our facilities. In anticipation of unveiling the winners in June during Seniors Month, all three facilities launched a new program entitled “Make a Wish”.

In seeking to enhance the lives of our residents and patients, St. Joseph’s Villa, Villa St. Gabriel Villa, and St. Joseph’s Continuing Care Centre, granted one resident’s wish at each of the Villas and one patient’s wish at St. Joseph’s Continuing Care Centre. During the month of May all facilities accepted submissions of wishes that would provide a unique and meaningful experience for a resident or patient from family members, friends, volunteers and staff. All submissions were reviewed by a committee of four utilizing a rated set of criteria to pick one winner for each facility.

On June 16, 2015, during our Resident and Family BBQ, one lucky resident was announced at Villa St. Gabriel Villa as the resident who would be receiving their wish. This resident will be receiving a convertible ride from Villa St. Gabriel Villa to Bell Park where they can sit and read the newspaper. Staff is busy making arrangements for this special ride.

On June 24, 2015, a patient was announced from the medically complex unit at St. Joseph’s Continuing Care Centre as the patient who would be receiving their wish. The patient has a sweet tooth and enjoy desserts. Meeting the challenges of patients that are medically complex is often difficult due to specialty diets. Staff is making arrangements to bring in a variety of desserts from Dairy Queen and Tim Horton’s that will work within the patient’s diet restrictions.

On June 25, 2015, during our Resident and Family BBQ, Harriet Dempsey was announced at St. Joseph’s Villa as the resident who would be receiving her wish. Harriet wished to take her four children and their spouses to Perkins for dinner. The staff is working on booking transportation and looking at assisting Harriet get ready for the event with a hair appointment.



We wish to thank all families, volunteers, and staff who took the time to provide submissions for this program and continuing to work toward putting our residents and patients at the centre of all we do...Caring Beyond the Moment!

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