



reachout



mission

To provide with excellence love and dignity a full continuum of affordable housing and services to senior citizens. We serve the Mennonite Constituency and others who wish to live in a community of Christian faith.



ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIVE COMMUNITIES

In our last edition, we announced that we would be sharing a few innovative tips for reusing, recycling and reducing from an article on the Global Stewards website. This edition will focus on "Reusing".

One tip to "reuse" is to switch from disposable to reusable products. Such examples of where we can all make changes are with food and beverage containers, (bring your own mug to your favorite coffee house), cups, plates, writing pens, razors, towels, shopping bags, etc..

Families who have to clean up their parent's room or apartment after they pass away, are encouraged to donate clothes, computers, televisions, etc., to local agencies who accept donations such as this. For more eco friendly tips and sustainable solutions for a healthy planet, please visit the following link.

<http://globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm>

MAXIMIZING GROWTH POTENTIAL

We're now in the home stretch with our new long term care home project. Many of the finishes on the interior are being installed with flooring and cabinetry being a main focus. We anticipate construction to be completed in late April or early May.

We are grateful for the many people who have already donated toward our bed campaign. We still have room to accept your donation for this very practical fund raising project. Please consider making a difference for the residents in our home.

For more information, please contact the front office at Tabor Manor at (905) 934-2548.

LEAD IN CARE IN NIAGARA

There is a new program at Tabor Manor and Pleasant Manor called e-learning and I for one **love it!** I like the idea of being able to do all the Surge Learning and Health and Safety 24-7 training from the comfort of my home. There is a wide range of applicable topics on both e-learning platforms that are helpful in the jobs we do everyday.

The e-learning platforms replace many of the in-services and the new knowledge will make me more aware of resident needs and how to provide care. I find the programs informative, helpful and useful.

Marie VanSchaik, Dietary, Tabor Manor

INTENTIONAL WORKFORCE PLANNING

The nursing program at Niagara College culminates in a final clinical placement, a four-week consolidating period of all the skills acquired and knowledge taken in throughout the program. Student placements can be terrifying, you feel unsure and ill prepared but with the right environment, it all comes together. My experience at Tabor Manor was just that, I was paired with a wonderful preceptor and the welcoming staff at Tabor Manor made my transition from student into nurse an easy one. The nursing staff were supportive of my learning and eager to answer my many questions about the career. The Personal Support Workers and Health Care Aides helped me to learn about the residents and how best to provide care for them.

All of the other staff from housekeeping to dietary to administration were always ready with a smile to make Tabor Manor a truly pleasant place to be. All of these reasons and more are why I pursued employment at Tabor Manor once I had graduated; I felt that Tabor Manor was the perfect place to begin my nursing career. Since I have started my journey with Tabor Manor there have been additions to staff and new people to learn from. I continue to value my experience at Tabor Manor and look forward to exciting new changes in the future.

Jacqueline Mulder, RPN, Tabor Manor

Since 2011, over 50 RPNs have completed their placements at Tabor Manor. Our intentional focus and strategy to attract and retain staff has made Tabor Manor and Pleasant Manor "**homes of choice**" for people looking for a great place to work.

PLEASANT MANOR AND TABOR MANOR VOLUNTEER REPORT

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace” 1 Peter 4:10

Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor is collectively host to approximately 160 volunteers. Although these volunteers range in their talents, interests, age, reason for giving and the roles they offer, they unite together with one common interest; to serve the seniors residing in our Homes.

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care provides clear direction on the mandatory programs and services offered within our homes. Volunteers make it possible for us to offer services above and beyond what is publically funded. Volunteers can be found making a significant difference in most areas of our homes including Human Resource Clerks, Recreation Assistants, Mealtime Partners, Pet Therapy Providers, Musicians, Porters, Friendly Visitors, Maintenance Assistants, Entertainers and more!

Recently Pleasant Manor participated in Brock Cares: Alternative Reading Week where 18 international students helped with organizing the wheelchair inventory, updating tenant pictures and other computer data entry, as well as interacting with residents and tenants. It was a great opportunity for these students to interact with our community and learn more about our culture.

Tabor Manor is currently recruiting volunteers to assist with our move day and to compliment the new volunteer roles that will be available in the new building. We encourage you to consider volunteering your time and talents, for more information contact either Corinna or Sherri and get ready to be blessed as much as you will surely be a blessing to us!

Volunteer Canada has assigned the theme for Volunteer Appreciation week this year as **“Volunteers Cast a Beautiful Shadow”**. As our volunteers make their contributions in the lives of our residents and tenants their presence leaves a shadow that is evident in our homes. We are taught that we are made in God’s image, and as our volunteers use their God given gifts in service, they also leave in their shadow His image in our homes and workplace. Another great reason to be grateful to our faithful Volunteers!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEAS

Pleasant Manor Tuesday April 9th
Tabor Manor Wednesday April 10th

Thank you to all our volunteers

Corinna Visser, Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor, Pleasant Manor
Sherri Davis, Volunteer Coordinator, Tabor Manor

“CONNEXIONS” - PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Working with seniors gives me the opportunity to provide quality medical care in an environment of caring and empathy, as shown by the dedicated staff of Tabor Manor. This environment stimulates and challenges me to deal with a myriad of issues and medical conditions that affect our Residents. I pursue ongoing education through attendance at conferences and seminars to enhance my knowledge and skills. I see in our Residents beautiful and courageous people, rich in diversity and background, continuing on life’s journey. This demands that we give them the love and care they richly deserve.

Philip J. O’Reilly, Medical Director, Tabor Manor

It has been a pleasure working at Pleasant Manor/Heritage Place. So often I see someone doing that little bit extra that helps the residents feel especially cared for and respected. Having committed and caring people from the front line staff all the way to the Board makes a difference! No matter how busy the day, I am glad to be contributing my part to the caring community here. Thank you!

Dr. David Reimer, Medical Director, Pleasant Manor

ON THE HORIZON

April 9	Volunteer Appreciation	Pleasant Manor
April 10	Volunteer Appreciation	Tabor Manor
May 4	Auxiliary Spring Tea	Tabor Manor
June 15	Heritage Day & Family Picnic	Tabor Manor
June 22	Farm Day	Pleasant Manor
September 7	Family Picnic	Pleasant Manor

VITAL STATISTICS - Waiting Lists

	Tabor Manor	Pleasant Manor
Apartments	631	497
Long Term Care	82	17

THE SPIRIT IS ON THE MOVE

Having recently celebrated Easter, and now, being in the midst of Spring, we are reminded of “new beginnings”. The New Testament is full of events, experiences, and truths that relate to “new Life”. In fact, according to Acts 5:20, the message of the gospel is a “message of ... new life”. At Tabor Manor we are all eagerly anticipating a new chapter in our lives as we move into a brand new building. We are excited at the prospect of having a new home. However, we should also be excited about the new things and transformations God will work inside of us as we enjoy our new environment. Let’s be sure we pray that God will continue to work in us that we may be transformed into the likeness of Jesus.

Don Middlemiss, Chaplain, Tabor Manor

1 Cor. 6:14 **“By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.”**

As we celebrate Easter, what an important reminder that we serve a living Saviour – a Saviour who has promised us life as well – not only life here on earth, walking in His daily presence, but the promise of an eternity spent with Him! May this truth bring you great joy this Easter and throughout the year!

Bryan Sweet, Chaplain, Pleasant Manor