



# HOLY FAMILY LIFELONG LEGACY

Spotlight

## INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS



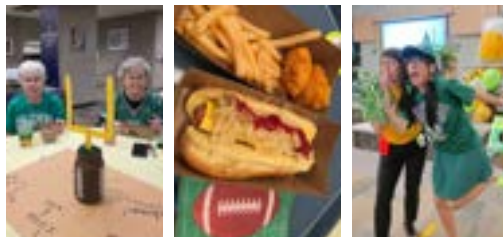
Our home was uplifted by a heartfelt visit from the students of St. Boniface Diocesan High School. We are so grateful for the joy they shared and the smiles they brought to our residents.



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## GREY CUP WATCH PARTY

What an incredible time we had watching the Grey Cup finals together! A huge shout-out to our amazing Fun Committee for filling the day with excitement, laughter, and unforgettable moments for our residents and their families. Can't wait for the next celebration!





# STORIES OF OUR PEOPLE

Christmas is right around the corner, and we can't wait to celebrate! As the season of joy and togetherness approaches, we've been gathering stories from our residents, staff, families, visitors, and volunteers - the wonderful people who make Holy Family Home.

We Filipinos starts our Christmas September 1st so what I did with one of my residents is every shift i bring a Christmas ball and decorate it to his small Christmas tree in his room.

Marionne, LPN



I like every single thing about Christmas at Holy Family! The decorations, happy atmosphere, singing, gift shop, the unit parties... you can't beat it!

Sr. Ruth  
Spiritual Care

My favorite thing about Christmas at Holy Family is how wonderful all of the staff are! They do a fantastic job at making this time of year feel special.

Milly, 4C



Every Christmas Mom and Dad made angels from paper for our Christmas tree top and for all over our home.

Mary, 3C

My favorite Christmas show to watch is A CBC production, "Christmas at Rideau Hall" Featuring Manitoba celebrities: Governor General Edward Scheyer, Royal Winnipeg Ballet and Edward Evanko among other performers.

Jennie, 2C



Christmas ceramics  
made by Jane, 4C



To celebrate the spiritual side of Christmas I pray, reflect and meditate on the true meaning of Christmas. And all family members wear the same African traditional attires on Christmas Day.

Wilson,  
Spiritual Care

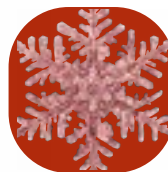
I like how Holy Family celebrates Christmas and they make an effort to gather the whole Family together.

Gerald, 3A





My favorite thing about Christmas at Holy Family is Shirley's trees!



## HFH Playlist Christmas

### Top 5 Holiday Songs

Enjoy festive songs chosen by our Residents



#### O Holy Night

Bing Crosby (chosen by Ted on 2C)



#### Mary, did you know?

Michael English (chosen by Mary on 3C)



#### The Little Drummer Boy

Bing Crosby, David Bowie (chosen by Kathrine on 4A)



#### Sleep, Dear Jesus, Sleep

Ukrainian Carol (chosen by Jennie on 2C)



#### Silent Night (in English and German)

chosen by Lynn on 3C



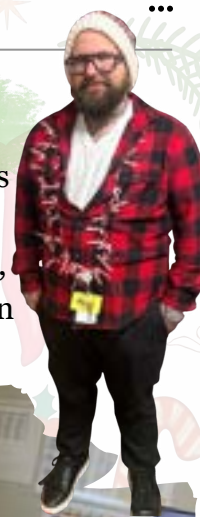
My favorite thing about Christmas at Holy Family is celebrating Christmas with the residents, dressing them in a nice outfit during Christmas because their loved one is coming to visit.

Merlie, HCA



My favorite Christmas memory is reading the book my dad wrote for us when we were kids.

Jess,  
Nursing Admin



One of our Christmas traditions is that I make sugar cookies Christmas morning for us to eat while opening presents.

Angela,  
CEO

Celebrating 10 years in Canada.

Oksana,  
Housekeeping



I used to make Christmas cookies with my kids that had melted life savers in the middle, making them look like stained glass windows. We'd hang them in the dining room.

Lynn, 3C



From favorite Christmas traditions and cherished recipes to heartwarming memories of holidays past, these conversations have filled our hearts with laughter and love. December is a time for warmth, giving, and gratitude - a time to remember that to serve is to love.



## PAINT NIGHT

We filled our hearts with holiday spirit at our recent Paint Night. Please enjoy some of the festive ornaments created by our elders.



## DECK THE HALLS

# Contest!

Get ready to spread some holiday cheer with our annual **Christmas Door Decorating Contest!**

Residents, families and staff are invited to participate!

Please have your doors decorated by **December 19th.**

A panel of judges will select the winner.



## UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTIES

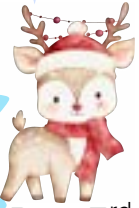
### SCHEDULE

1:30 - 3PM

Auditorium

**FOOD - MUSIC - FUN!**

- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sr. Innocentia (1BN) on unit
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - St. Nicholas (1CS) on unit
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> - Sacred Heart (2A)
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - St. Joseph (4A)
- Dec . 11<sup>th</sup> - St. Mary's/ St. Francis (2C)
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - St. Paul's/St. John's (3C)
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> - St. Michael's(5A)
- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - St Basil's/St. Martha (4C)
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - St. Anne's (3A)
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Luke's (1CN) on unit



*For food donations please see Recreation facilitator for your loved one's floor*

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING, MADE EASY



Our Gift Shop offers carefully curated items for every giftgiver! Support our residents while finding the perfect present this Christmas!

*We now sell gift cards!*

## Congratulations!

We are excited to announce the winner of the 50/50 draw at the recent Buds 'n Spuds Night (Oct 23/25) - Melissa Campbell.



Message from our CEO



### ANGELA PEELER

**Holy Family Home Chief Executive Officer**

*Spirit isn't a visible thing. It can't be bought, wrapped, or tucked into a stocking - but it can always be felt. And it's ready to be recognized, because spirit speaks in the language of the heart.*

*The spirit of Christmas is found in all the things your heart responds to: timeless carols, cherished memories, and acts of generosity and kindness. Focus on the places where spirit lives today, and notice how your heart begins to sing.*

*Wishing you and your loved ones a Christmas filled with grace, and a New Year blessed with health, peace, and hope.*

SCAN ME





## Thank you for giving comfort and joy!

Here are just two ways your gifts to the annual **Festival of Lights** campaign make life more comfortable for loved ones who live at Holy Family Home.

**Your gifts are changing the way residents enjoy meals.** Meal carts have been trialed in Building A, and are used daily in the Sister Innocentia Unit. *"I love being a more visible part of the care team and getting to know what the residents prefer,"* says Robert. Families and residents like it too. Mike shares that Cathy enjoys choosing her own (delicious!) meal, which might include soup, a sandwich made to order, or veggies and chicken. Thank you!



**Residents are literally wrapped in warmth.** Maureen loves the towels, purchased through Festival of Lights and now used throughout the Home. *"They're wonderful! The towels are nice and snuggly. It's one big, warm towel that wraps all the way around."*

Watch your mailbox and inbox for an invitation to give comfort and joy to seniors this holy season.







## God has a way of bringing people to where they belong.

*After so many years of caring for others, our mom, Marianne, is finally letting herself be cared for. Recently she told us, "Holy Family Home is the best place I've ever stayed." She has her own room, a dining hall full of friends, and something fun going on every day.*

—Andrea (Smith) Towers

Your gifts to Festival of Lights will be used to update the dining and family areas in Building A. These spaces are where friendships grow, stories are shared, and community comes alive.

You'll bring comfort and joy to loved ones who live at Holy Family Home. Because **Holy Family IS home.**



*The Smith family, Summer 2025. Left to right: Jonathan, Ron, Paula, Sandra, Andrea, Katrina, Lisa, Jay, Chris, and Marianne (front)*



Join us for the Festival of Lights  
Divine Liturgy  
Sunday, December 7, 2025  
10 a.m.

**Make your  
gift today:**



**Online:**

[lubovfoundation.ca/festivaloflights](http://lubovfoundation.ca/festivaloflights)

**Call** 204-942-0443

**In person** at Holy Family Home  
(165 Aberdeen Ave) or Lubov SSMI  
Foundation (1085 Main St.)







# Holy Family Home Auxiliary Ladies' Night Out Fundraiser

Fiesta wear  
encouraged

Great  
Times



**SALSA**  
**with the**  
**SISTERS**

Silent  
Auction

Raffles

Holy Eucharist Parish Centre  
460 Munroe Avenue  
Friday, February 6, 2026, 7:00 PM  
Tickets \$120

includes appetizers, dinner, drinks, and elimination draw

For tickets contact:

Cathy: 204-254-2071

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