



December 11, 2024

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello,

Outbreak Status

We are currently outbreak free!

Accommodation and Pharmacy Billing

Due to the Canada Post strike, we will not be mailing the monthly invoices. If you are not already receiving your accommodation invoice by email and wish to have it sent electronically, please email financeoffice@stpats.ca. Invoices that are not emailed will be available for pick up at reception by this Friday.

Pharmacy billing has not been sent out since August. If you wish your pharmacy invoices to be emailed, please contact financeoffice@stpats.ca. Pharmacy bills that are not emailed will also be available for pick up at reception by this Friday.

A Message from St. Pat's Foundation

Please see the message that follows from Meg Friedman, Executive Director of St. Pat's Foundation.

Be well and stay safe,
Monique Patterson,
President and CEO

Warm holiday greetings to you!

As I was writing this email to you, the first real snowfall of the season was covering the lawn and tree branches outside St. Patrick's Home, while inside, the sights and sounds of the holidays surrounded us.

As I'm sure you know, during the weeks preceding Christmas, the staff and residents **deck our halls with pretty trees, twinkle lights and holly; welcome carollers, musicians, and children's choirs** to The Gathering Place; and joyfully embrace the spontaneous sing-alongs that happen almost every day in Paddy's Place.

In our community **this special time of year is also known as the season of giving** because organizations like St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa Foundation raise up to 25% of its annual revenue during this time.

So, as the Canada Post strike stretches on, it's **imperative that we turn to email, social media, and the friends & family newsletter** to connect with you and share the Fall/Winter issue of our newsletter, *Keeping the Spirit Alive*.

In this issue we discuss St. Pat's participation in a **new intergenerational pilot project** called Engage at Every Age, and provide a detailed summary of the many ways that your donations supported quality, person-centred care throughout 2024.

For example, this year with your support, the Foundation will contribute \$70,000 to St. Pat's for spiritual & pastoral care, \$15,000 for music therapy and performances, \$10,000 for social and community engagement programs, \$10,000 for the purchase of therapeutic mattresses, \$5,000 to pilot a new falls prevention initiative, and more.

I hope you'll **consider how you can contribute to this important year-end campaign** to ensure we meet our obligations to St. Pat's in 2024 and begin the New Year on solid ground.

Donations can be made online at <https://stpatsfoundation.ca/donate>, or by calling the Foundation directly at (613) 731-0094 x350.

It's an exciting time to be involved with St. Pat's, and I'm grateful that you're here to be part of it and support our ongoing pursuit of excellence in long-term care.

On behalf of everyone at St. Pat's, ***I wish you good health and many happy moments throughout the holiday season.***

Sincerely,
Meg Friedman
Executive Director
St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa Foundation

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