



The Betel Homefront

March, April, and May 2021



Recreation News

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, our programming has been limited to a maximum of five participants in a gathering. This has presented ample challenges, but we have done what we can to make the best of it. In the absence of large group programs such as musical entertainment, bingo, and our regular holiday celebrations, we have found much more time on our schedule for smaller groups where special time and attention is paid to the participants. While it can be difficult to maintain a good balance and offer something for everyone in this fashion, there is a lot of positive takeaway from having that dedicated time with only a handful of people. The stories, memories, and laughs that have stemmed from our programs have been truly uplifting and brightened many days this winter. Throughout everything we have to commend the residents for their understanding and patience with the restrictions and all that came with that. They've all shown incredible resilience and what it truly means to do the right thing for the safety and health of everyone.

Thank you for your strength and perseverance!

The restrictions have been lifted now and we are "making lemonade" to a different tune moving into the spring. Programs are no longer limited to five participants, we are trying to keep programming for unit 5&6 separate from unit 1-4 residents. This will help reduce the potential for viral transmission between residents within the facility. We will continue to social distance residents as much as possible at all times during all recreation programs and events.

Resident Council News

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

☐ **March 22, 2021**

Annual Meeting

Review Resident Bill of Rights.

May 17, 2021

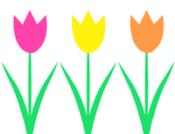
All meetings will be held @ 2:00pm in the library.



Thank-You's

Betel Home is no stranger to the kindness of others in our community. Even in the most trying of times, several individuals, groups and organizations have reached out to offer donations in many forms. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who has kept Betel Home in their heart and reached out to us over the past several months. Your thoughtful gestures and generosity do not go unnoticed and are appreciated beyond words.

We were fortunate to receive a special "Mobile Recreation Grant" from the Emergency Community Support Fund in partnership with the Westshore Community Foundation. This grant allowed us to purchase resources to create individual recreation packages for Residents who may be on extended isolation measures in the event of an outbreak in the facility. The activity kits we compiled contain a variety of items ranging from coloring supplies, sensory/tactile items, dice, cards, and have room for additional resources (printed reading material, etc.) to be added and customized to the needs of the individual. Additional carts for transportation of these resources were also purchased, which could in turn be used for sanitization stations as well. The last item on the list is a portable entertainment station with a smart TV and Blu-ray/DVD media player on a special cart which can be utilized in conjunction with our Wi-Fi to bring digital programming and media resources directly to Residents. While we hope that we never need to make use of these items in outbreak, it is a fantastic resource to have at our fingertips to ensure we can still provide some form of leisure to Residents while they are ill or recovering. Thank you to the organizations that brought these fantastic resources to our Home!





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Projects in the Works

Betel Home Foundation has always been very dedicated to ensuring that the health and safety of our Residents, as well as the staff who provide their care, is a top priority. In keeping with this, Selkirk Betel Home has started asymptomatic surveillance testing of staff as of February 22, 2021. The initiative uses the Abbot Panbio COVID-19 rapid antigen test and tests staff that are showing no symptoms of COVID-19 and have no known exposure to the virus. In the event of a positive result, the staff member will be considered a “probable positive” and will be required to isolate until results are confirmed by a laboratory test. Public Health contact tracing would begin immediately and the employee would only be allowed to return to work once they cleared to do so by public health, occupational health services, or a designate. Participation is voluntary but all eligible staff are encouraged to take part.

Social Work News

Just a reminder to families to please bring back your satisfaction surveys issued with your loved one’s annual care conference letter. Completed surveys can be mailed back to Betel Home or dropped off at the front entrance during our regular drop off hour of 1:00-2:00 pm Monday - Friday. Having these surveys returned is an essential part of our quality control program and helps us to target any areas we may need to improve in.

Caroline TenBrinke is in her Selkirk office on Tuesday, Wednesday and alternate Mondays.
Phone: 482-5469 ext. 20964

COVID-19 Pandemic Update

As the situation with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic evolves, Betel Home continues to be extra diligent in taking every precaution possible to ensure the safety of all 91 residents as well as the staff who care for them, and their family and friends who come to visit.

The second dose of the Moderna vaccine was administered to consenting Residents and staff on February 16, 2021. Approximately 92% of Residents received immunization from this endeavor. Thank you to the public health professionals who came to our facility to administer vaccines and help bring some boosted immunity to our Residents and staff!

Just a friendly reminder to all of the Designated Family Caregivers that are now screening in for indoor visits to make sure you are staying home when you are not feeling well. Even with the added protection of immunization, it is still of utmost importance that we remain diligent with our efforts. We appreciate everyone’s patience during the screening and temperature checking processes that are required before entering the facility for visitation.

Each resident is able to have 6 essential visitors that are able to visit in the Pods. At this time only one visitor is allowed at a time.

Changes to visitation guidelines are ongoing and sometimes changing both frequently and quickly. Families can expect an update via email whenever we have new information to report or if a change in process is being implemented.



Important Information from Joi the Safety Bear

Just a reminder to always be on the watch for wet floor caution signs throughout the building. Housekeeping will often put up these signs while they are mopping floors both in public areas and Resident rooms. Signs may also be put up briefly after a spill has been cleaned up or by the entrances after water tracked in from outside has been mopped up. When you see the signs, watch your step and use extra caution to avoid any slips or falls. Also make sure to notify a staff member if you notice a spill or water on the floor that needs attention. Until next time, stay safe and always be on the alert for hazards!

