

November 2019



Holy Family Home
Festival of Lights
165 Aberdeen Ave / Winnipeg, MB R2W 1T9

Dear Friend of Holy Family Home:

*♪ Twinkle twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are ♪*

You probably sang that in your head as you read and it brought back memories from childhood. Perhaps of yourself in your backyard with your parents, or in your kindergarten classroom with your first teacher and new friends. The memory may be clear, or maybe not, but the more you think about it, the more it expands and the details fill in.

Now imagine what a trained professional could do with this type of memory retrieval.

Holy Family Home has been blessed to have had an accredited music therapist initiate a Music Therapy program for our residents and families this year. Music therapists are qualified specialists who can use music to support development, health, and well-being.

They are trained to use music safely and ethically to address cognitive, communicative, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual needs.



Our Music Therapist, Danielle, has been working part-time with individuals and groups to improve the quality of life for our residents. Her stories of success seem endless. Music therapy has quickly become an essential part of holistic healthcare at Holy Family Home, decreasing agitation, increasing socialization, and promoting self-expression.

One woman who was referred to Danielle had lost her speech due to a stroke. Although she could no longer process language, the part of her brain that processes music remained intact, so Danielle believed she could be reached through music. Throughout the course of their sessions together, this resident was able to retrieve vocabulary through familiar songs and eventually was able to speak simple sentences through melody. What a wonderful blessing this was to her and her family, to be able to communicate again through beautiful simple melodies.

To Serve is to Love

Yes, I would like to join the Choir of Angels in supporting enhanced resident care with my gift of:

- \$1,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$250
 \$100 \$50 Other \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

My gift is:

in Memory of _____

in Honour of _____

Please make cheques payable to: Lubov SSMI Foundation and return this form in the enclosed envelope to Holy Family Home. OR Donate on-line at: www.lubovfoundation.ca

OR Charge your Credit Card:   

Card Number _____

Expiry Date _____

Signature _____

Tax receipts will be issued for all gifts of \$25 or more. Charity Registration #807729108RR0001

"Words cannot describe the emotions we experienced to hear our mother sing "I love my family". Our mother's ability to communicate has been non-verbal for the past three years. Through the use of pictures we came to understand her needs, but now, thanks to the programs at Holy Family Home and its loving caring community, her days are filled with stimulation and moments of joy. The new Music Therapy Program has certainly helped increase our mother's ability to communicate over the past few months. Today she can say "yes". We are grateful for every moment."

-The Huzel Family



The reality of the aging population of our home is that more residents are in similar situations. Unfortunately, as with many of the Home's programs that enhance care, funding lies beyond the scope of government support, despite the incredible benefits Music Therapy has had for so many of our residents. Given the amazing results in just one year of Music Therapy, we are looking to secure the necessary resources to maintain this program for the benefit of the residents in our care. Our goal through the Festival of Lights is to raise \$80,000 to help sustain this new program.

As we enter this Christmas Season, we invite you to consider a gift to support Music Therapy at Holy Family Home.

Your Festival of Lights gift is a way to pay tribute to your loved ones, by offering your gift in memory or in honour of a family member or friend. Your generosity will be acknowledged at Holy Family Home, and those being honoured will be listed in the honour book located at the entrance of the home, as well as listed on our information screen throughout the holiday season.

Your donation today will allow Danielle to continue to provide these enriching and fulfilling therapeutic experiences, sustaining the program so that many of our residents may benefit from the healing power of music.

On behalf of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate and Holy Family Home, thank you for considering this invitation to give the gift of music. As you gather with loved ones this Christmas Season, may music fill your hearts with peace, joy, love and gratitude of the gift given through the miraculous birth of Jesus.

Sincerely,

Cathy Lentz, Chair - Development and Community Relations Committee
Holy Family Home Board of Directors

Proud Sponsor of the annual
Festival of Lights Campaign



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Please join our residents in prayer on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 10 a.m. as we gather for the Divine Liturgy celebrated by Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM along with the Macenko Memorial Choir in the Holy Family Home Auditorium. Following the service there will be the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Thank you for choosing to be a part of the Choir of Angels in support of Holy Family Home.

Recently, Holy Family Home has installed a new donor recognition piece. This wall of honour represents cumulative gifts that have been made to various funds and campaigns over the years. Once your total contributions reach \$2,500 your name will be added or will be moved up into the different Angelic Levels on the wall as you continue to support Holy Family Home.

I want my name to remain anonymous

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate have established a Foundation to provide support for the ministries owned and operated by the Sisters. Holy Family Home Inc. is one of those ministries. All donations are processed through the Lubov SSMI Foundation Inc. care of Holy Family Home Inc.

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