

TABOR MANOR



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FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is hard to believe that our first year anniversary in the new building is fast approaching. On August the 12th we will be having a celebration for residents, staff, families and volunteers. Megan will be communicating the details of our celebration. We have experienced the first of all our annual events in our new setting and I think things have gone quite well. There is always room for improvement and we will continue to assess each function and look for opportunity to improve. Thank you for your support during this time of change.

We continue to implement “The Montessori Way” and have experienced many successes with materials that have been donated, purchased and created. It is energizing to hear staff sharing successes, challenges and to participate in the brainstorming that takes place in our Montessori team meetings. Please take the time to look at the Montessori activity plans binder; I’m sure you will be as encouraged and touched as I am by the photos of our residents participating in a variety of activities. Whether they are folding laundry, cleaning the carpet with the carpet sweeper or polishing silver, it is moving to see our residents engaged in something that is meaningful to them.

Did you know that in the first six months of this year our volunteers served 3,289.25 hours? Our volunteers add so much to the life of our community! I know that our residents, tenants and staff appreciate the dedication of our volunteers. If you would like to become a volunteer please contact Sherri Davis, our coordinator of volunteers. Sherri would be happy to hear from you, and I know she would be more than happy to share our current volunteer needs.

Christine Leonard, Director



CELEBRATIONS

Maria Klemen - Aug 10
Marybelle Barnard - Aug 17
Peter Peters - Aug 25
Cecilia Atkinson - Aug 27
Susan Paterson - Aug 28
Elvera Thiessen - Aug 30

IMPORTANT DATES

6 - Residents' Council Mtg
8 - Muskoka Morning
12 - Anniversary Party
15 - Corn on the Cob Social

SUMMER TIME FESTIVITIES



Summer time at Tabor Manor always has a few magical moments that take us back to our youth and this summer has been no exception.

So far already, we have enjoyed local strawberries over ice cream and a watermelon feast. We have been fortunate to hold both events outside in the courtyard with the weather cooperating beautifully.

It is so fun to come together and enjoy something as simple as watermelon! And even those with limited appetites can put away MANY slices of juicy watermelon on a nice sunny day!
~Megan

“Ah summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it.” ~Russel Baker

MONTESSORI UPDATES

Maybe not everyone finds vacuuming to be soothing or satisfying? But to some of our residents, it is a way to contribute to the life of their home area, a way to feel useful and needed. Thanks to a family donation, we now have a cordless carpet sweeper on all four floors for residents to use when the mood strikes.

We are continually looking for creative ways to engage our residents each and every day. With the help of donations of goods and a few capable handymen, we have introduced a few other new activities including a nuts and bolts exercise and pattern building with mega-bloks.

If you have an idea, or feel compelled to give a gift, please refer to our Montessori tree outside the Great Room or speak to Megan at any time!



As my time here at Tabor Manor comes to a close, I look back on my experiences over the past three months. I have been blessed to work at Tabor Manor for two summers, while on summer break from my studies as a university student. This year, my role was to perform one-to-one visits. I have had the privilege to get to know every single resident and have built strong relationships with many. I have met some of the most amazing individuals, each resident with their own unique story and special qualities. The residents continue to surprise me and surpass my expectations every day. Seeing the smile on a residents face after spending time with them is the best part about my job. Tabor Manor will always have a special place in my heart as it solidified my choice to become an occupational therapist.
~Alexandria Giles