

HDS HELPING OUR COMMUNITY



On the morning of Tuesday, December 20th, Hotel Dieu Shaver staff and volunteers gathered with Betty Lou Souter, CEO of St. Catharines-Thorold Community Care, to donate coats, food and toys. Hotel Dieu Shaver staff have been collecting donations since November 6th in hopes to positively impact members of the community.

Hotel Dieu Shaver collected over 30 adults and children's winter jackets, over 100 new toys and 4 barrels full of food to Community Care to distribute to families in need. A donation of \$300 was also given

on behalf of the nurses at Hotel Dieu Shaver. The 400 plus staff, volunteers and visitors at Hotel Dieu Shaver had been riffling through cupboards and purchasing toys and new coats since November with the hopes of supporting a critical organization in their community. Donations were continuing to pour through the lobby as Community Care was loading their truck. Community Care is still in great need as the cold weather continues. Men's socks and underwear is high on their priority list.

Others wanting to donate to Community Care can drop off items at the centre at 12 North Street, or call 905-685-1349 for more information. Coats should be in good condition.

PEARL GLOVES DOES IT AGAIN

Following a very successful event at the end of November, Pearl Gloves Charity Boxing organizers along with community partners, announced that their astounding collected efforts



totaled \$110,877.93. Pearl Gloves is a yearly boxing event in which over 20 individuals across Niagara train to compete in the ring. Each boxer is responsible to raise funds to help fight against multiple sclerosis. PowerCord, MS Society Niagara Peninsula Chapter of Hope and Hotel Dieu Shaver were the three very fortunate charities to receive the funds from this event. Thank you to everyone involved to help such three deserving organizations.

KEEP IN TOUCH!



MISSION IN ACTION

During the holidays a patient who was having a difficult day, expressed to a staff member that she would love a hot dog.

This same staff member, with permission, very kindly went out on her break and purchased a hot dog for this patient! Wow! This is what our mission is all about!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you also to our amazing staff for contributing to the Shoebox Project in the month of December. Staff came together to fill boxes with personal hygiene and comfort items for women in shelters this holiday season. This year the boxes helped women seeking help at Gillian's Place, YWCA Niagara Region, Abby House and RAFT. A great way to make a difference in our community! Thank you to all those staff going unnoticed for your help in other areas of Niagara. You truly live our Mission and Values.



STEVE LUDZIK PRESENTED WITH A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD

Jane Rufrano, CEO, made a presentation to the St. Catharines Rotary group explaining the programs and services offered at Hotel Dieu Shaver along with a brief summary of the hospital's plan to strongly encourage the Ministry of Health and Long



Term Care that the construction of 64 new beds at Hotel Dieu Shaver should be a priority. Following the presentation, Steve Ludzik, former NHLer and champion of the Centre for Parkinson's Rehab, was bestowed a Paul Harris Fellow Award by Rotary for his work and philanthropy efforts for the Parkinson's Centre at Hotel Dieu Shaver. The Paul Harris Fellow Award is the highest honour awarded within Rotary. Our sincere congratulations to Steve for his continuous support!

SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

On the morning of Friday, December 22nd, patients of Hotel Dieu Shaver were surprised with many visitors spreading Christmas cheer. Hotel Dieu Shaver was incredibly



fortunate to have Santa (Alex Digenis – owner of Henley Honda/Subaru Niagara) and his elf visit each inpatient room. The St. Catharines Fire and Emergency Management Services also stopped by to give out gift cards generously donated by The Pen Centre. This is the third year that Alex Digenis and Fire Department have made time to stop by Hotel Dieu Shaver to make Christmas a little easier for those staying in our care.

FEATURED EMPLOYEE: KELLY VAUGHAN

Employee: Kelly Vaughan

Current Position/Role:
Therapeutic Recreation

How long have you been with HDS? 12 years

What you like about your job: I enjoy hearing patient's life stories and views on the world we live in today. I'm often surprised by the hardships they have faced and how they still have such a positive outlook on life. I also enjoy my co-workers; we have some really great people who work in this building!

Any advice for someone coming into your line of work:
Learn to adapt and be open minded.

Hobbies/Interests: I enjoy spending time with my 2 little girls, 3 & 5, who teach me new things every day! I have an amazing husband and 2 fur-babies and as a family we enjoy the outdoors and nature. I also have a strong passion for 'clean living', health & wellness and all things DIY!



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PIZZA LUNCH

On Friday, December 15th, Hotel Dieu Shaver staff gathered in Lou Cahill room to celebrate the Christmas season. Pizza was served and a great time was had by all that attended. This is a great yearly tradition to acknowledge what an amazing team we have at Hotel Dieu Shaver!



MISSION AND VALUES & PASTORAL SERVICE

In keeping with Person Centred Care, we had a special request from a family to have a wedding ceremony in our chapel to have the elderly grandparent who was an inpatient as a witness along with his wife for the marriage of their grandson and his fiancé. The family arranged to have their minister to preside as well as a photographer to capture the moment. The grandson was most grateful to the hospital as were his grandparents that they could share in his special day.