

2021 CAPITAL NEEDS

At Grove Park Home, we are passionate about providing our residents with the very best care. Our “Commitment to Care” includes giving our staff the best tools to do their jobs. There are “must haves” and “would be really nice to have” items on this list. When we ask our team what they need to care for our residents, we must be prepared for a long conversation.

Certainly, every department’s list looks different. But whether it is maintenance equipment, dietary items, programming supplies, nursing product requests, physiotherapy equipment or garden projects, the result of the acquisition of these items is the same: a better resident experience.

We love our donors for their kind hearts, and for their individuality. Some items on our list may connect with your family. Some items appeal more to your budget. We know our list is long. It is created after careful consideration and ultimately focused on the greatest benefit to our residents. Your financial support is sincerely appreciated and we welcome the opportunity to put your best intentions to very good work.



Care Needs \$40,000

Caring for residents 24/7 puts pressure on equipment in all home areas. **Blood Pressure Monitors (\$20k)**, with new advanced features and a portable stand ensure that Registered Staff have the best tools where they need them. Blood Pressure Monitors are used daily as an important diagnostic tool. A **Full Mechanical Lift (\$9k)** is still needed on one home area. We gratefully acquired 5 new lifts in 2020 and want to complete this project to the benefit of residents and staff alike. **Weigh Scales (\$11k)** that are wheelchair ramped, help alert us to underlying conditions that may present as weight loss or gain. Scales are also a valuable tool when assessing a resident’s dietary plan.



Outdoor Spaces \$30,000

If the great outdoors appeals to your green thumb, you may be interested in **adopting some outdoor space**. We aren’t talking about you doing the actual gardening, but supporting professional installation and acquiring sustainable plants that will thrive with less water and maintenance. Our garden areas are loved for visits, fresh air and sunshine. We also need to provide some relief from the sun’s rays. To further enjoy this outdoor space, which provides important visiting space with families and friends, **two beautiful new gazebos (\$12k)** will enhance our gardens on two home areas.



Program Supplies \$125,000

Daily activities are a vital part in the day of a resident. Our Life Enrichment staff are creative and passionate about bringing fun and smiles to dear faces. Programs are at the heart of our care and help is needed in several areas. Mobile **Sensory Carts (\$18k)**, able to go directly to resident rooms, offer soothing experiences with visual and tactile features. The past year has taught us that, while group activities are best, we need to be able to offer one-to-one programs. These carts can do both!

Three home areas are in need of **Audio Video Cabinets (\$7k)** to support large screen TVs and to house movies and peripherals. Life Enrichment staff are able to offer Virtual Travel, Cognitive Improvement Games, Music Therapy, and in-house content through the use Smart TVs. Technology at its finest!

BIG DREAM! A new accessible bus is a big dream but one that must start getting our attention. Every year we see more residents with either walkers or in a wheelchair and very few who can “walk into the van” to go on outings. With the right vehicle, we can go shopping and to baseball games. We can go pick berries and go to local events. Our current van and the physical needs of our residents means that we often hire transportation services or use personal vehicles. A new or used bus could cost up to \$100,000. If you would be interested in this BIG DREAM project, let’s talk soon.



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Cooking & Serving Equipment \$30,000

Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand! This is how many meals our kitchen prepares and serves each year. Breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus nourishment carts throughout the day. This staggering task takes its toll on our kitchen equipment. **Industrial Conveyor Toasters (\$3k)** in each dining room are the work horses of the breakfast service as they run non-stop. Due to constant repairs and down time, replacement is necessary for units. Transporting food to the dining rooms requires a vehicle-of-sorts called a **Cambro Transport Cart (\$4k)** which keeps hot food hot and cold food cold. Critical for Food Safety! Our units are more than 10yrs old and are failing due to broken gaskets and constant door repairs. Finally, our kitchen could benefit from a new, more reliable **Blixer Food Processor (\$3k)** that handles the pureeing and mincing of more than 1000 meals a week.

We introduced **Therapeutic Dining Tables** to our dining rooms last year with thanks to you, our generous donors. COVID-19 taught us that we need to offer distance dining for those who enjoy their meals independantly. This means that we need to compliment our therapeutic tables with 50 new tables (**\$20k**) that seat two people, safely distanced but still providing a pleasurable social dining experience.



Beds and Baths \$125,000

What could be more important than a good night's sleep or a warm comforting bath? Beds for our residents require a strategy for safety and a plan for replacement. In 2019 we had a generous donor who afforded us to purchase 26 new beds meeting our goal for that year. Now it's time to complete the project by acquiring 24 more **frame/ headboard/ mattress systems (\$100k)** for our residents. These wider, safer beds reduce falls, increase comfort, and provide a home-like environment.

A bath at Grove Park means a soothing and comforting experiencing for residents, and a physically safe experience for staff. The Maple home area is in need of a new **Hydromassage Tub (\$25k)**. The current tub in that home area is over 12 years old and a good 6" shorter than current models. This tub simply does not fit some of our residents. A new model will mean a full stretched out soak with better bubbles and more ergonomic features.



Looking Ahead

Within the next five years, Grove Park Home will begin the task of redeveloping two of our resident home areas. This will be a monumental task that will need family and community support and involve many local stakeholders and government partners. It will be an exciting time for Grove Park, as we introduce new living spaces for residents and bring all beds to the Ministry required status. There will be a Capital Campaign to support the project. The items on this Capital Needs List are currently needed and will help prepare for that future project now. We have ensured that items on this list will last through to the new build and beyond; saving capital purchases during redevelopment.

If you want to learn more about our planned Redevelopment or pending Capital Campaign, call our Development Office at 705-792-7404.

“Giving is not just about making a donation. IT IS ABOUT MAKING A difference.”

- Kathy Calvin

The items listed on these pages are some of the items that are needed for 2021. We have more information about each item and are eager to discuss this with you. If you can help, we want to ensure your experience is a rewarding one. We will keep you apprised and update you on the impact of your support.

Recognition is a personal choice that is discussed during the support process. A plaque on a wall, a donor appreciation event or perhaps a story in one of our newsletters, the choice is yours. For some, anonymity is important and we will respect that. Businesses and service clubs enjoy recognition to highlight their good work in the community. This type of recognition may inspire others to be such good corporate citizens, and that helps everyone. Whether we shout from the mountains about your support, or whisper our appreciation just to you, our heartfelt thanks will be the same. We look forward to meeting with you to chat about what project inspires your donation.

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