

2017 CAPITAL NEEDS

When we ask our staff what they need to care for our residents, we must be prepared for a long conversation. There are “must haves” and “would be really nice to have” items on this list. 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. 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.

Donors are respected not only for their kind hearts, but for their individuality. We understand that some items on our list connect with your family. Some items appeal more to your budget. Regardless, our list is long and is created after careful consideration and ultimate benefit to our residents. Your donations are sincerely appreciated and we welcome the opportunity to put your best intentions to very good work.



Care Needs

From wider fall prevention bed systems at \$3,300 that keep our residents safe, to transfer slings that assist residents and staff alike costing approximately \$5,000/year, support in these areas would be invaluable. Weigh scales (wheelchair loaded) are used during every bath so that we are alerted to unusual gains or losses that require attention. At \$2,895 each, these are a wish-list item needed on each of our five units. Blood Pressure Monitors, with new advanced features, at \$2,850, would be used daily as an important diagnostic tool. Mobility seems less every day; our staff must address careful transfers to ensure the safe and dignified transfer of our residents. Sit to Stand Lifts cost \$5,800 and are still needed on three of our five units.



Rehabilitation Care items

Keeping our residents moving is key to a dignified and independent day. Our restorative care team also ensures that our residents are safe in their environment by assessing each individual for specific needs including exercise and equipment. An EXnFlex Leg Therapy Device is needed so staff can help residents increase flexibility, improve range of motion, reduce edemas plus many other benefits. With a price tag of \$2,435 this machine would be available to all the residents in our Home. Specialty walkers, often custom made, speak to safety and independence and range in price from \$700 - \$1,500.



Building & Grounds Maintenance

The original part of our Home was built in 1968 and renovations and additions continued into 2010. Successes and challenges happened along the way and managing this aging infrastructure is a very big task that comes with big price tags. Here are some upcoming projects for the Home in 2017 and while they may not be the “warmest” projects to fund, these things keep us safe and healthy.

Wall protection is a continuing issue. Bumps and scrapes and other damage in resident rooms are unsightly and time consuming to repair. A trial panel solution on the Pine unit occurred in 2016 with great success. A solution from a company specializing in long term care installs lower “wall panel” with a scratch and stain resistant product that is not only durable, but aesthetically pleasing. Continuing the project with 16 room increments will cost \$16,000. Besides walls, we have many flooring issues to address in 2017 including new flooring for our main kitchen at \$34,000 that will address safety and maintenance concerns.

If the great outdoors appeals to your heart, you may be interested in adopting some outdoor space. Our gardens are extensive and very well used – they encourage visits and provide fresh air and sunshine. While expensive to maintain, updating these gardens will reduce maintenance and address water bills. It would cost \$1,200 to re-create one of our many garden areas. To further enjoy this outdoor space, which provides special visiting areas with families and friends, two new gazebos will enhance our gardens, costing between \$6-9,000 each installed.



**“We shall continuously provide
excellent care
IN A SECURE ENVIRONMENT,
with family and
community support”**



Other Common Areas

Our residents still like to look pretty and get pampered. Our Hair Salon provides this valuable service plus the added benefit of social interaction. A facelift would bring joy to the many folks who frequent the salon. New flooring, paint, window coverings and some minor repairs would come with a \$4,000 price tag from start to finish.

If you visit our Home, you will know that our Auditorium is a very busy place. From birthday parties and entertainers, to staff educations and family events – this room is the busiest in the Home. New stackable chairs are urgently needed to replace plastic chairs that are not specific to resident needs. 100 chairs, with stacking dollies will cost \$9500 and be used daily for years to come.



Program Supplies

Our daily activities are a vital part of the day of a resident. Our Life Enrichment staff are creative and passionate about bringing fun and smiles to dear faces. Over the years they have put together supplies to offer a Montessori program, doll therapy (seeing is believing), and Snoezelin experiences. Programs are at the heart of our care and help is needed in several areas. Mobile Sensory Carts, able to go directly to resident rooms, offer soothing experiences with visual and tactile features. These carts cost \$7,500 and two would complement our existing equipment.

Activity Boards on new units will offer residents and families an organized look at the activities and news on each unit. Replacing the many signs that are currently displayed, five new Activity Boards will cost \$6,000 and will become a key feature on the home area. And finally, a little storage and a new fridge will organize the Maple Activity Room – a place for baking, socializing and activities. A small project with big impact, \$2,500 will work wonders in this room.

**“We make a living
by what we get.
WE MAKE A LIFE
by what we give”**

- Winston Churchill



Cooking & Serving Equipment

Our kitchen prepares and serves over a quarter million meals each year. This is a combination of breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus nourishment carts throughout the day. Washing all those dishes has also taken a toll on our dishwashers and two need to be replaced in 2017 at \$5,200 each. While on that note, it is time to update the dishware in our dining rooms for aesthetics and consistency. Support for this project would be approximately \$6,600. To prepare these meals, a Steam Cabinet is an essential piece of kitchen equipment. Used during all meal preparations, the Steam Cabinet cooks eggs, fruit, vegetables and more. The current 15 year old cabinet is no longer reliable and is not energy efficient. A new cabinet will cost \$11,500.

Our Home would like to introduce Therapeutic Dining Tables to our dining rooms. These tables have adjustable sections to accommodate special seating and wheelchairs – a better experience for the resident with the added benefit of easier assisted feeding by volunteers and staff in the dining room. The investment of \$12,000 per 8 table dining room would be very much appreciated.

The items listed on these pages are a sampling of items that are needed for 2017. We have spec sheets and quotes for each item. The entire list, including quotes, is available to potential donors. Regardless of how you want to help, we want to ensure your experience helping the residents at Grove Park Home is a rewarding one. Respectfully, accounting is presented to our donors upon completion of their project.

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 the choice 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 you, or whisper in our board room, 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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