



# The Betel Homefront

## March, April, and May 2022



### Recreation News

It's been a long winter and everyone at Betel is more than ready to get back to doing what we do best - having fun! With many of our group programming and volunteer services suspended throughout the winter due to COVID-19, we are chomping at the bit to get our old favorites back on the calendar along with some fresh new ideas to round out the schedule. At this time, we are permitted to do group activities with limits in place based on the amount of room we have to socially distance the participants. Singing is not permitted at this time, which has an impact on entertainment as well as with religious services. Whenever possible we are pivoting to pre-recorded audio and virtual concerts/singing to prevent cancellations and continue to offer some version of those staple activities our Residents look forward to. Whenever possible, we will always strive to adapt rather than cancel. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we have worked through these challenges. As spring rolls in we are looking forward to doing some gardening (plant starting and planning), getting outside for walks as the weather permits, and planning ahead for summer activities and adventures as the world around us (hopefully) continues down the path to normal life once again. Please be aware that we may be adapting our calendar mid-month as restrictions lift, but we generally try to follow our scheduled plan as much as possible. If you would like to receive our calendars and newsletters electronically as they come available, contact the Recreation Manager at (204) 642-5556 ext. 22356 to get your email on the list!

### Projects in the Works

You may have noticed during one of your recent visits that we have a lot going on around Betel Home. A number of projects are either in progress, intended to begin in the near future, or are planned for coming months. The most notable project underway is the flooring repairs on Unit 2. There are many resident rooms in which the floor has deteriorated and presents a tripping hazard to both residents and staff alike. This project is expected to be completed by early to mid-April if everything continues to go as planned.

The second major project we will see starting very soon is the replacement of our air conditioning unit that services the resident wings on both units. Some deconstruction of the existing system has already started, and we expect to see this project well underway within the next month or two. This will be a significant improvement to our indoor air comfort level during the summer and will also make it much easier for us to maintain stable temperatures through the hottest months of the year.

We apologize for any inconvenience that may be incurred during these projects. The flooring project has resulted in some residents needing to temporarily move or share a room with another resident. We know this is not ideal and we are doing our best to ensure that any interruptions are kept as brief as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!





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### A Note of Thanks...

Back in December, we were privileged to once again know the kindness and generosity of two very familiar faces - Rosalyn Cooney and Carol Gwizdak, our sister duo extraordinaire. Rosalyn and Carol generously donated their time and materials to hand create numerous articles of clothing to use for our Resident Christmas gifts. This was a very welcomed boost, and allowed us to reserve additional funding in our Resident Tea Trust for programs, events, outings, and entertainment when the time comes we can do those once again. Huge thanks goes out to the ladies from all of us at Betel Home.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our New Year's Basket Raffle fundraiser! We were able to supply all of the prizes from donations and raised a grand total of \$2162.00. This money goes directly to the Resident Tea Trust to compliment our programming and reduce costs that would otherwise be paid by the Residents. Your support means the world to us!

### Social Work News

Just a reminder to family to please bring back your satisfaction surveys issued with your loved one's annual care conference letter. Completed surveys can be mailed back to Betel Home or dropped off at the front entrance with our staff screener. Having these surveys returned is an essential part of our quality control program and helps us to target any areas we may need to improve in.

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### Important Information from Barry the Safety Bear

Just a reminder to always be on the watch for wet floor caution signs throughout the building. Housekeeping will often put up these signs while they are mopping floors both in public areas and Resident rooms. Signs may also be put up briefly after a spill has been cleaned up or in the front lobby after water tracked in from outside has been mopped up. When you see the signs, watch your step and use extra caution to avoid any slips or falls. Also make sure to notify a staff member if you notice a spill or water on the floor that needs attention. Until next time, stay safe and always be on the alert for hazards!



### Resident Council News

**Annual Meeting:  
Friday March 25, 2022**

**Regular Meeting:  
Friday May 20, 2022**

***All meetings will be held in the MPR at 10:30 am.***

***"Every day is a renewal,  
every morning the daily  
miracle. This joy you  
feel is life."***

**- Gertrude Stein**

