

THE UNITED CHURCH HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.
DREW NURSING HOME



As our philosophy of the Home states “The resident is the primary focus of all aspects of the operation of The United Church Home For Senior Citizens, Inc.” We therefore continue to strive to meet this philosophy by providing quality of life to our residents who live with us at the Drew Nursing Home as well as Tantramar Residences and Archibald Cottage.

Over the past year, the Home has continued with the Narrative Care initiative. The idea behind Narrative Care is to honor the residents, their lives and their experiences. The program is also to educate our staff, families, and volunteers about our residents, thus "changing the culture of the nursing home", how residents and staff interact, and how staff view the residents once they know their history.

The Home is presently participating in a “Music Therapy iPod pilot project. The Well-Tuned pilot project – also known as the iPod project – is being supervised by the Atlantic Institute on aging. Personalized playlists are developed for residents to see how listening to personalized music impacts their overall wellbeing. The goal of the project is to improve the quality of life for residents.

The Home is also delighted to introduce an updated version of the “Pet Therapy” program to our residents. We now have a very dedicated volunteer from the St. John Ambulance Pet Therapy program visiting with residents on a regular basis. “A dog on a bed is great medicine”!

Spirituality continues to be a very important part of the resident’s life. Interdenominational Church Services are held each Sunday and a Eucharist is held monthly. Clergy and lay leaders as well as church groups conduct these services.

The activity department provides various forms of spirituality to the residents. A bible study group meets on a weekly basis. An annual Memorial Service is also held to remember those residents who passed away during the year.

The board of directors have developed a new Strategic Plan for 2012 - 2016. With the development of this plan, we will be looking at the long-term future of the Home and ways to best meet the needs of our clients as well as the future clients of The United Church Home For Senior Citizens, Inc.

Linda Leroux
Executive Director