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Meet the Residents of 203 Baltzan Boulevard!

Summer has been the perfect time for residents of 203 Baltzan Blvd to add some creativity and excitement to their outings. Whether it be old-time favourite activities or new adventures, Irene, Debbie, Dorothy, and Donna have been enjoying the warm weather!

The residents of 203 Baltzan, joined by residents from 474 Boykowich, have been soaking up the sun during their monthly escapades to destinations such as Pike Lake and Cochin. During these adventures, residents enjoy afternoon picnics and rides in the van.

Each resident has been enjoying their different activities this summer. Dorothy and Donna have been

enjoying friendly rounds of bowling with David and Greg from 474 Boykowich, Donna has returned to Horse Therapy, and Irene and Debbie enjoy the occasional coffee break at the nearby Tim Hortons or McDonald's. Each resident has also had the pleasure of having family visits during the summer.

Within the home, the group has been celebrating birthdays, enjoying the warm weather on the patio, planting herbs and flowers, playing board games, and many other activities.

The residents have also been happy with worship and crafts lessons with Pastor Renita. Residents of 203 Baltzan are grateful for the care and support provided by Team Members.



1929 PEMBINA AVENUE

The Pembina crew—Ron, Dustin, Darren, and Brian—have had a busy summer! Ron attended a bible camp in Rosthern and spent a few weeks camping with his family. Dustin has been enjoying his time working at SAI, while also spending time with family on the weekends. Darren spent some time away on a fun-filled fishing trip with friends and family. Lastly, Brian has been soaking up the sun, spending most of his time on the deck and enjoying some coffee.



1914 ALEXANDRA AVENUE

The summer is always an exciting time for Brett, Kirk, Darryl, and Tyler. The residents and Team Members at 1914 Alexandra are extremely grateful for the summer seasons' arrival, making sure to frequently go on walks and have outings. Both Kirk and Darryl celebrated their birthdays, and Brett took a vacation to Washington to enjoy time with family! This crew enjoys spending time bonding and enjoying the sun!



1506 9TH AVENUE

The ladies at 1506 9th Ave mourned the loss of a fellow beloved resident. As the group moves forward, they will not forget their dear friend, and will keep her memory and spirit alive. The residents and Team Members are grateful for the 12 years they spent with her, and will miss her smile, laugh, and zest for life! During the summer, the residents got in touch with their artistic sides, having special outings to art shows and the Remai Modern art museum. This inspired them to create more art of their own, adding to the growing collection in the home!



619 1ST STREET

Gloria, Evelyn, Joan, and Terri-Lynn did not waste any of the sunshine this summer! This group spent most of the time taking in the sun on the deck or gardening. Gloria enjoyed playing horseshoes in the backyard, Evelyn planted flowers and vegetables, Joan kept busy doing different crafts and colouring, and Terri-Lynn continued to harness her craft of crocheting. This crew had a wonderful summer together!



630 PENDYGRASSE ROAD

Michelle, Georgina, Kelsey, Charles, and Gary are thrilled for the arrival of summer. A few of the residents attended different camps over the summer and enjoyed making new friends and participating in fun activities. The residents relished planting flowers in the garden beds, celebrating birthdays, spending time with family, and soaking up the sun on the deck. Michelle loved filling her bird feeders and enjoyed a dinner cruise on the Prairie Lily! Georgina enjoyed painting birdhouses and participating in rec activities. Kelsey attended a Phoenix Dance and joined her family for an Alaskan cruise. Charles celebrated his birthday surrounded by family and friends. Gary has enjoyed trips to the mall and recently discovered a love for film, specifically action movies.



1226 TEMPERANCE STREET

Chrissy, Keegan, and Kirk mourned the loss of their dear friend, Sandi. Sandi is greatly missed by residents and Team Members, but her memories will be cherished forever. Before her passing, Sandi celebrated an 18-day long birthday—she received many gifts for 18 days straight leading up to her birthday! Sandi enjoyed connecting with people in the neighbourhood, seeing new movies, and she loved her stuffed animals dearly. Over the summer, Chrissy enjoyed going for walks, sitting on the patio, and swimming at the pool. Keegan and Kirk kept busy with their own day-to-day routines. The crew loves to go on walks and spend time on the swings. The Group Home had some backyard landscaping completed, so the residents now have their own oasis to enjoy!



1906 ALEXANDRA AVE

The ladies at 1906 Alexandra have been soaking up the sun this summer! Special outings to the greenhouse, Remai Modern art museum, Car Show, Food Truck Wars, and Jazz Festival were enjoyed by all. The residents appreciated walks by the river and ice cream or bakery treats all summer long. One resident recently attended their first day program and will continue to expand her social circle and experiences. The group is incredibly grateful for the Group Home Recreation Coordinator, as these activities provide great opportunities for the ladies to enjoy their community!



474 BOYKOWICH STREET

Greg, John, David, and Anthony have been keeping busy with many summer activities! As a group, the residents enjoyed planting and maintaining a small garden with vegetables and flowers. They also enjoyed trips to Pike Lake and Cochin with residents of 203 Baltzan Blvd. Greg and Donna from 203 Baltzan have enjoyed weekly movie theatre trips, and Anthony and John have enjoyed participating in day programs. After a fun-filled day, everyone at 474 Boykowich enjoys spending time together outside on the patio, enjoying the warm weather.



1910 ALEXANDRA AVENUE

Cody, Vaughan, Mike, and Jason at 1910 Alexandra have been taking in the summer sunshine every chance they can get! Besides spending time on the deck, this group enjoyed many activities, such as attending the Saskatoon Jazz Festival and the Saskatoon Exhibition. Cody has officially graduated from high school, Vaughan enjoyed some wonderful time with family, and Mike and Jason spent their time playing yard games together in the backyard. This group has had an exciting summer!



303 FAST COURT

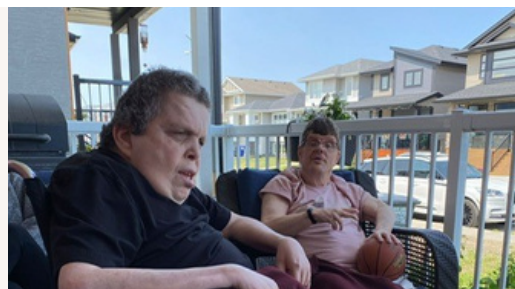
Summer has been an exciting time for residents at 303 Fast Court! Residents have been busy meeting and building new relationships with the new Team Members in the home. The residents are excited to be able to enjoy time outdoors together on the deck. Residents also enjoyed several day trips outside of the city to connect with nature and enjoy some summer activities!

Congratulations Janet Macnab!



Janet Macnab, General Manager of Group Homes, was nominated for the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal. She attended the medal ceremony and was one of the recipients named!

This award was well-deserved, recognizing Janet's great dedication to the Disability Service Sector. On behalf of LutherCare Communities, congratulations on this wonderful achievement. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to providing a safe and caring Continuum of Living™ for our Group Homes residents!





PARTY! WOOHOO!

Jesus was a party animal. He was even accused of being “a glutton and a drunkard” (Matthew 11:19). He broke religious and cultural taboos and went out of his way to eat with those considered ritually unclean. He invited himself over to the house of an outsider like Zacchaeus the tax collector, in a kind of reverse hospitality. And when they ran out of wine at the wedding of Cana, he turned six large containers of water into the best wine anyone had ever tasted. So it isn't unreasonable to say that Jesus was a party animal. He was the life of the party!

Within LutherCare Communities eleven Group Homes, celebrations play a central role in the life of our residents. In addition to Christmas and Easter, birthday celebrations are definitely a major highlight of the year. On their special day, residents get to enjoy their favourite food which is also shared with their housemates. A birthday cake, with candles, is a must, and friends who will sing “Happy Birthday” to you. And, of course there must be presents—like a new pair of pajamas, a movie DVD, and some potato chips. It is like being crowned Prince or Princess for the day.

Our monthly Group Home chapel is also a celebration. Each person is warmly welcomed as they arrive: “Hello Michael. You made it! You're here!” Tables are covered in blue or pink tablecloths and music is playing in the background. Residents are invited to colour a picture as they wait for others to arrive. When all have gathered, we engage in a half hour of joyful singing accompanied by the residents on their shakers. This is followed by sharing the biblical story (often a cartoon), a brief reflection, and a prayer.

At one of our recent chapels, we celebrated the “birthday of the church” which began at Pentecost almost 2000 years ago. The room was decorated with a “Happy Birthday” banner, balloons, and party napkins. We enjoyed cupcakes (with candles), and sang “Happy Birthday dear Church.” We did a “flames of the Spirit” craft with streaks of red, orange and yellow paint against a black background. It was a joyful celebration!

What the residents have taught me is that life is intended to be a celebration. And this includes our worship services as well. In the immortal words of one resident: “Party! Woohoo!” The Spirit of Jesus—the-party-animal lives on.

-Pastor Renita Falkenstern, Chaplain to the Group Homes and Luther Riverside Terrace



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