

# MARY CENTRE NEWSLETTER

## LOBLAW'S ANNUAL BBQ EVENT

Again this year, the staff and residents of Mary Centre joined together to sell hot dogs and hamburgers at Loblaws at Victoria Park and Danforth. This fundraising event is special as it gets the residents, staff and friends together to celebrate their involvement with Mary Centre. It was a pleasant day, great summer weather, and the response from Loblaws's customers was quite favourable. Those "Ribbets" were really good, as were the hamburgers and succulent sausages. Doug and Gord did a super job handing out Mary Centre brochures, while Ted and Kathy got the buns ready and served them to the customers. Angela is quite the **BBQ'r**.



*Janet Christensen, Doug, Gord, Ted, Kathy and Angela Pearce*

While Janet, the backbone of the event, helped Dominic and Carol to set up and then later on she kept things going and was in charge of the coffers and clean up. Thanks again to all of these wonderful people who come through time and time again to make this event a success!

**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMOUS PEOPLE PLAYERS EVENT**

Mary Centre's 7th Annual Famous PEOPLE Players Dinner Theatre Event will be held this year on November 3rd and 4th and we are hoping it will be as successful as past years. Since its inception, I've had such a pleasure in meeting with those who have always been there for Mary Centre's residents.



*Doreen Cullen, past Executive Director of Catholic Charities giving her coat to me to be checked*

Annually the Dinner Theatre has been a meeting place, to get together with friends and acquaintances that have brought a personal touch to our fundraising endeavours. Although it has technically been my **JOB** to organize the event I consider it a **VOCATION** and I am be very fortunate to be in this position. My job wouldn't be as much fun without this responsibility and when the event draws near I am reminded of those special people who have left their mark on this earth, Frances Knoll and Stan Wiczorek who were major players in making Mary Centre what it is today. From both Fran and Stan there was always humour and interesting repartee and being

in their company was a personal pleasure for me and at this time of year I am reminded of their goodness. I am now working diligently on this year's **Famous PEOPLE Players Dinner Theatre** and look forward to seeing you all again, and hopefully, a few new faces will be in the crowd who will become our **"Good Friends"**.

*by Marion Patterson*

<b>Mark Your Calendar!</b>	
<u>November 3 &amp; 4, 2004</u>	<u>7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala</u>
	Famous People Players Dinner Theatre
<u>TBA</u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament</u>
	Silver Lakes Golf & Country Club
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## “FRANK MASON” AN ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS!!!

The day we met Frank Mason was a very special day indeed. Frank is a very engaging gentleman; he is resourceful, and an extremely talented individual. Frank is our *‘Mr. Fix-it’* for the Peel area, and has done many repair and replacement jobs at the Greenbriar and Aberdeen locations in the one year that he’s been involved with Mary Centre.

He is willing and enthusiastic about doing the repairs, and never appears without a smile on his face. Frank engages in friendly conversation with all of the folks he meets while visiting the residences to do

tasks, and is most respectful of the individuals and staff alike. Everyone looks forward to him coming.

As well as volunteering as our *“resident handyman”* last year Frank donated 2 new dishwashers for our Greenbriar and Aberdeen homes; *going above and beyond the call of a duty*; This year he is purchasing, for our Redcastle residence in Scarborough, a new furnace. He has hired a professional installer to work with him with the installation and he will be travelling from Mississauga to Scarborough to do this job. This is tremendous of Frank and no doubt he will do an excellent job, with care and pride, just like all the other tasks he has done for us.

Frank is a retired TTC driver, and had many interesting stories to tell; one story was about a young man with Down Syndrome who drove on his bus every morning. He watched as people shunned this young man, who would sit sadly with his head down. Frank thought, “I’m going to do something for him; he would greet him joyfully and started calling him ‘Superman’, everyday. The young man perked up, and over a period of time transformed into a more confident and happy person. One day he arrived for his bus wearing a t-shirt which had a Superman logo on it, and wearing a huge smile. Frank had made a new friend and helped to enlighten a young man’s life.

What a Guy! Thank God for Frank; he is heaven sent for sure!

*by Carol Chung, Volunteer and Parish Outreach Coordinator*



*Anne Nickson, Frank Mason (Centre top row)  
Angelo, John and Jenny  
at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner*

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM AT WORK**

I am a Mary Centre client for 3 years now. I just finished two years studying at Humber College. The program I was in was Community Integration through Co-operative Education (CICE) and the course I studied was Sports Recreation. I had my good days and bad days but I studied very hard to get this far. I thought I would never make it to my graduation and I'm so happy and proud of myself, and all my supports too, that I made it this far, completed and finished all my courses and made it to my graduation on June 18, 2004. I also keep in contact by email and phone and I now do lots of things with my friends from college. Now



*Yvonne receiving her Diploma*

that college is over I miss it a lot, my faculty and my friends. I think back from this day on how much fun I had with my friends, the good days and the bad days and all the support I got.

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