

MARY CENTRE NEWSLETTER

MARY CENTRE GOLF TOURNAMENT A BIG HIT!

The heat was on for the 5th annual Mary Centre golf tournament. A sellout entry of 144 golfers scrambled around the scenic Silver Lakes course in search of "Stanley's Mug".



Nora presenting "Stanley's Mug" to Frank Penny
Rob Grandy Frank Pegolo and Paul Drohan
Mary Centre 2004 Tournament Winners

Stanley's Mug, of course, is the trophy given to the lowest scoring foursome. It is named in honour of Stanley Wiczorek, long-time Mary Centre supporter and board member who was the driving force behind the tournament over its first 3 years.

Stan's widow, Nora Weiczorek, presented the trophy to the winning team of Frank Penny, Rob Grandy, Frank Pegolo and Paul Drohan, guests of Clover Administration. Clover is a steadfast supporter of Mary Centre. In addition to their golf participation they have also been a Gold Sponsor of our Famous PEOPLE Players dinner theatre event for seven years.

The Clover Administration team posted a score of 13 under par! Which begs the question: "What happened on the other five holes, fellas?" Other winners on the day were Nicole Poirier of Davis & Henderson Ltd who belted out the longest Ladies' Drive and John O'Connell who had the longest drive for the men. John was a long-hitting guest of the team from Fraser Milner Casgrain.



Fred Mathewson, Derek Patterson,
Greg Taylor & Keenan Armata

Terry Beck from the Knights of Columbus won the "closest to the keg" prize. Ted Tinmouth had the hot putter for the putting contest with a score of 75 points. Ted's putter could smell the money and Terry's ball could smell the beer!

The biggest winner of all was Mary Centre and the people we help. The event netted over \$17,000. In his brief remarks at the golf dinner, Dominic Conforti pointed out that this money will go directly to our clients to help pay for items such as delisted medication and community activities which government allowances fail to cover.



Denise Tremblett, Terry Elliott,
Carol Drummond and Franco Salituro

Dominic also presented Crystals of Appreciation to Deloitte & Touche Ltd., CIT Structured Finance Ltd. and Right Axmith for their support of *Mary Centre's Famous PEOPLE Players Dinner Theatre Event* held in November, 2003.

Finally a great day was wrapped up with dinner, prizes for all participants (thanks to our generous supporters) and a very funny talk from a guest speaker, Jim Ralph from MOJO radio.

All in all a great day for a great cause!

MY UNCLE, BILL

Since Bill has been involved in the Mary Centre Supported Independent Living program at Our Lady of Victory Place, it has given him a sense of independence. He is now able to shop, cook, clean and do everyday activities that enable him to live on his own with the help of the agency in steering him in the right direction.
GOOD WORK BILL!

Every second Sunday Bill joins our family for lunch after attending Church. He also comes to our family gatherings on special occasions such as birthdays, Mother's Day etc. These events were usually held at our home and sometimes we just go out to a restaurant. This year, he joined the North York Social Club where he has made many new friends. When Bill visits on Sunday, we sometimes go to the Social Club where he plays pool and spends time with friends. He likes to attend those social functions like barbeques and pool tournaments which the Social Club has throughout the year. We have also gone to baseball, basketball and hockey games with him.

Bill has progressed in many areas that help him to be a better and more interesting individual. He has definitely learned how to socialize with others. We feel that Bill has become more outgoing thanks to Mary Centre and their support team. Many thanks to Mary Centre.

Written by Joanne and Joe (Bill's neice and nephew)

Mark Your Calendar!

November 11 & 12, 2004

7th Annual Gala

Famous People Players Dinner Theatre

August 7, 2004

Annual Barbecue

Loblaws Victoria Park & Gerrard

June 7, 2005

6th Annual Golf Tournament

Silver Lakes Golf & Country Club

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THE TIES THAT BIND!

Whatever our circumstances, family ties shape our lives and remain important to us throughout our lives. We see this to be true in ourselves and in the clients we care for.

Everyone needs to be loved and supported and the residents of Mary Centre are no exception. When they were young they needed to be nurtured and this remains to be true as they grow older. Fortunately, for most of Mary Centre's residents, they continue to receive that emotional support and love by their siblings and/or extended family.



Keith

Keith is one of the many residents living within Mary Centre who considers himself blessed to have those strong family ties. Keith came to live at Mary Centre in 1991 and over the years has become a member of a new family, but he will never forget his real family, Bob, his brother, and Donna, his sister-in-law. Bob and Donna shower him with unconditional love. As an outsider, it is wonderful to see the family bond between them and the unconditional support these two individuals give to their brother, as well as the support they give to the Redcastle staff and the other residents that live in the Mary Centre home.

Bob and Donna visited Redcastle every Christmas and every Summer for the barbecues. They enjoyed their visits at Redcastle.



**Keith Holding Court
at the Volunteer Dinner**

They show their love by visiting Keith every chance they get. They support him emotionally and with the assistance of the staff, they help ensure his quality of life. We can't forget all the wonderful gifts they give him which Keith really loves.

You can see the difference in Keith when they visit. He lights up and continues to talk about the visit for days. Keith is truly blessed having Bob and Donna in his life...isn't it nice being loved



Keith & Darlene Dowling Kidding Around

GOING FOR GOLD!!

My name is Yvonne and I am a Mary Centre client in the SIL program. I've been in the Community Support program and the SIL program altogether and with Mary Centre for 2 to 3 years now.

I have four different workers and they all help me with support, important appointments, helping me in hard times, good times, Mary Centre stuff and other things, too. I am also athletic with Ontario Special Olympics for the last 20 years. The sports I play are indoor soccer, outdoor soccer, bowling, basketball and speed skating. For the last 7 years I've been to meets. At first I wasn't so good, but a couple years later I improved and got better. Now I'm a perfect skater. I've been to one provincial winter games in Barrie last January. I won two gold and two silver medals in the 500m, 300m, 600m and 700m. Last March I made it to Prince Edward Island. I just went February 16-22, 2004 and won one gold, two bronze and one silver medals. (Gold in 777m personal best time, 2 bronze in 500m, 300m, 1 silver in relay team) I have lots of medals and trophies from lots of sports. I'm very athletic and so proud of myself for going to the Provincial Winter Games in Barrie last January and the Ontario Special Olympics in February 2004. I go to meets and tournaments for all my sports. A lot of people are proud of me. I get a lot of support from family and friends.

Written by Yvonne

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