

# Mary Centre 20 years

CELEBRATING DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES

## NEWSLETTER

### THE BILLINGER BROTHERS TAKE UP GOLF!

I first met the Billinger brothers in August of 2006 when I drove up in their driveway and three enthusiastic and eager-to-please gentlemen greeted me. They ushered me to a chair then argued amongst themselves as to who would serve me coffee first. They seemed overjoyed to have a new pair of ears to share their never-ending abundance of stories about their life.

It's no surprise that I am still here 5 years later as their support worker. Who wouldn't want to support these 3 brothers? Although they are chaotic at times they are fun-loving, and charming gentlemen.

When I first started working with them, Ted was attending a day program twice a week, Doug was volunteering on Thursday mornings and Gord was working full time at Famous People Players. At the time they weren't really interested in doing more activities and more concerned about taking care of their house and staying together and were anxious about trying new things.

As time went on they felt less anxious about trying new things and slowly were introduced to new activities of their choosing.

The three brothers are taking weekly golf lessons and are becoming quite proficient. They are also bowling. They have taken up bike riding and going to Variety Village.

Ted is continuing with his day program and is also taking guitar lessons. He enjoys playing for an audience and will often play for the participants in his day program. He has taken on the role of gardener and is very proud of his accomplishments with the vegetable garden.

Doug enjoys going to his classes at Frontier College and takes pride in his home ownership and is eager to attend to tasks around the house. Gord is now working at Swiss Chalet. He is very comfortable in the kitchen and enjoys the role of being a chef at home.

**by Christina Doucette**



*"Celebrating Developmental Challenges"*



## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS HONEY!

My name is Honey and I recently took a vacation with money I had saved up over the year and a birthday gift from my brother.

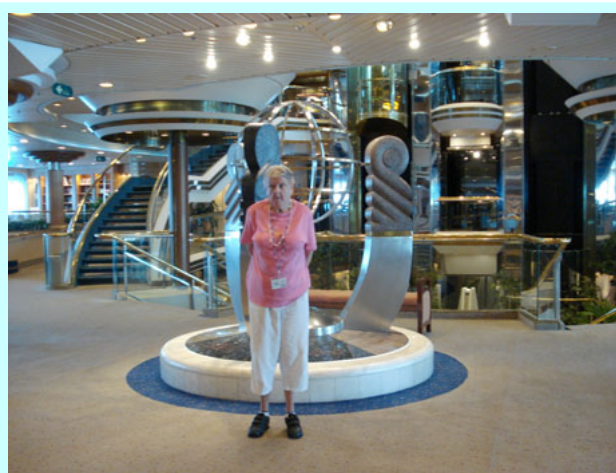
I am 73 years old and with the support of my Residential Counsellor I went on a cruise to the Bahamas.

We drove for several days stopping and staying overnight in beautiful hotels until we reached the Port of Miami. We parked our car and boarded the ship for an excursion that lasted 5 days. We traveled the seas around the Bahamas, getting off at each port shopping and sightseeing. At the end of the trip I had travelled almost 6,000 kilometres

I toured all over the ship talking to people from many parts of the world. I had a great time!!

I am saving and planning for another vacation in the future.

**By Honey**



*“Celebrating Developmental Challenges”*

## FAMOUS PEOPLE PLAYERS – ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

Mary Centre is very fortunate to have a committed Board of Directors who year after year go out of their way to make our fund-raising events a rousing success. Many Board Members successfully finish their commitment and leave the Board—**but they never really leave.** For example, one past Board member was responsible for getting one of his corporate contacts, to support us by purchasing a Platinum Sponsorship.

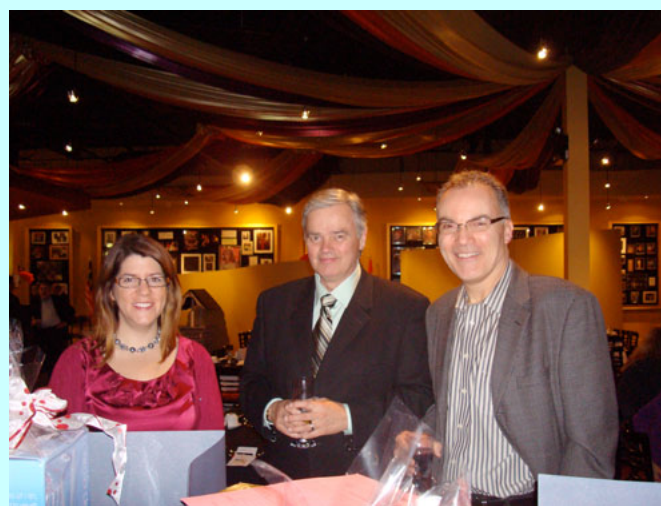
In the atmosphere of declining giving we are a very fortunate agency.

This year's event made a profit of over \$32,000 which will go a long way to support programs that are not covered by government funding.

A special thanks to:

Platinum Table	\$10,000
<b>BMO Nesbitt Burns</b>	
Gold Table	\$5,000
<b>Clover Administration</b>	
Silver Sponsorship	\$3000
<b>Brown &amp; Burnes</b>	
<b>CIBC</b>	
<b>Cassels Brock</b>	
Corporate Sponsorship	\$1,500
<b>Democrate Homes</b>	
<b>SF Partnership, LLP</b>	

And kudos to everyone who attended and supported this event and were intricate to its success!



Board Members,  
Alida Brydon, Larry MacInnis and Mike Occomore



Residents, and Lily Au at the table donated by  
Cassels, Brock

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 15, 2012

Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser  
Silver Lakes Golf and Country Club, Newmarket

November 8, 2012

Annual Fundraiser  
Famous People Players Dinner Theatre



## Four reasons to bring your foursome to Silver Lakes !

- One: The annual Mary Centre charity tournament is returning to one of our favourite courses -- Silver Lakes.  
 Two: You'll help raise thousands of dollars for Mary Centre clients.  
 Three: You and your team will have a chance to win Stanley's Mug -- one of the most valued trophies in sport!  
 Four: You don't need a fourth reason. It's golf!

**Call Marion Patterson at (416) 630-5533  
 Or e-mail [mpatterson@marycentre.com](mailto:mpatterson@marycentre.com) to reserve your spot  
 and mark off May 15<sup>th</sup> in your calendar.**



Picture taken at Silverlakes in 2006

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