



December 1st, 2024



Dear Families and Friends,

2024 is coming to an end as we prepare to celebrate Christmas and begin extending wishes for a Happy New Year in 2025!

Much has happened this year and we are grateful for our community and all who contribute to make Broadway Lodge a special community to call our own. We thank you for your ongoing support and recognition of the hard work and care provided by our team – from housekeeping, laundry, food services, administration, maintenance and

recreation to our nursing care team – we are a united front who seek to bring to life our statement that... **love lives here!**

Dental Hygiene Program

Sorry for the repeat on this announcement but we are still receiving consents trickling in so it never hurts to nudge one last time! This program has launched with success and we thank those who have already provided their consent forms for Leanne, our dental hygienist, to provide care and service to your family members.

The Dental Hygienist, Leanne Olson, now offers services to those who register with her. On receiving a consent form, Leanne will then do an assessment and report to the family what is needed and what costs are covered by the Canadian Dental Program.

The primary contact for your loved one will have received an email from our Manager of Care, Nikki Sykes, with a consent form attached – sent on September 11, 2024. Please complete this form and email it to nsykes@broadwaylodge.ca or drop off at reception to her attention.

The Broadway Group Social Media

Our followers are slowly growing, and we are thrilled! Please feel welcome to share the links with your friends and family members. We are eager to grow our community and share the fun and exciting things that are happening within The Broadway Group.



We cordially invite you to like and follow our social media presence.

The link will guide you directly to our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561923333229> and Instagram:

@_thebroadwaygroup. Please check us out as we seek to raise awareness and our profile as a care community. Staying connected is a great way to keep up with what's happening at The Broadway Group and Broadway Lodge.

Introducing Dr. Jamil Hirji

We are so pleased to welcome Dr. Jamil Hirji to our Lodge family. Dr. Hirji is now providing care to residents of the 2nd floor west and half of 3rd floor west. I am happy to introduce Dr. Hirji to you and look forward to introducing you to the rest of our physician team in the coming months.



Dr. Jamil Hirji is a Canadian board-certified family physician with special interests in geriatric care, global health and medical education. He completed his undergraduate degree in Kinesiology at SFU and his medical school at UBC. He went on to complete his family medicine residency at the University of Alberta. Dr. Hirji has an outpatient family and urgent care practice in Vancouver. Dr. Hirji worked as a hospitalist in acute care for thirteen years and has been doing long term care since 2010. He also provides specialized care at two assisted living facilities in the lower mainland and is an active member of the Seniors and Frail Elder Committee with the Vancouver Division of Family Practice. Recently, he has become involved with senior's advocacy, inter-professional and team base care work. He is a Clinical Instructor with the Department of Family Medicine at UBC and is based at St. Paul's Hospital. Outside of work, Dr. Hirji enjoys travelling, playing tennis and pickleball, volunteering within the community and cheering on his favourite team – Go Canucks Go!!

December Special Events

The holiday season is always our busiest time of the year, we hope that you can join us for some of the festive fun! We invite families and friends to join their loved ones on their neighborhoods kicking off the holiday parties with 3rd floor Holiday party on December 5th at 1:30pm (RSVP with Fe), 4th floor Holiday party on December 6th at 1:30pm (RSVP with Andii), and 2nd floor Holiday party on December 12th at 1:30pm (RSVP with Adam). Sending an RSVP to the recreation staff allow for accurate head count for the treats that will be served (RSVP at 604-733-1441, ext. 248).

The Recreation department will be hosting a Christmas Special with a special performance by our Hand Chime choir on December 11th in the main dining room at 1:30pm, this Christmas Special is open to all families and friends. Santa will be joining us on December 17th at 1:30pm, stop by to get your family photos taken with the jolly fella himself! We can't forget about our December Birthday celebrants; our December Birthday party will be on December 18th starting at 1:30pm until 3:00pm. And finally, ringing in the new year on December 31st at 1:30pm in the main dining room, we will have a New Years Eve party featuring the delightful Two for the Show Girls. Hope to see you at one, or many, of these celebrations this month!



Broadway Lodge Light Up

We are super excited to invite everyone to continue to use our wonderful outdoor space this winter season. At our **Broadway Lodge Light Up!** Don your warm clothing and cozy blankets and have a walk through (or sit and enjoy!) our penthouse garden. Broadway Lodge Light Up will be open most nights for residents, families and friends to enjoy-weather and ice dependant of course.

Family Circle – BL Family Council

No Family Circle this month, looking forward to seeing everyone in the New Year for in-person meetings! Stay tuned for more information.



Capital Campaign for Bed Replacement

I am very pleased to say that our ongoing campaign – which focuses on a major drive for grant acquisition – is seeing fruit of our labour. To date, we have received a grant of over \$42,000 from the **St. Mary's Health Foundation**. It is a terrific start to this important campaign as we seek to replace our 114 beds in the Lodge which are starting to age out. With this grant and some keen negotiation, we are able to get started with 14 beds being replaced in the new year.

Grants & Donations

I am pleased to announce that in addition to the **St. Mary's Health Foundation** donation we have also been awarded \$16,500.00 from the **Music Heals Foundation** towards our music therapy program. This will fund approximately 300 hours of music therapy. An additional \$1000.00 was received from **the Lohn Foundation** for music therapy. We are grateful to each of these foundations for their recognition of the important work that is done at the Lodge to ensure we may continue to provide quality programs, services, and equipment to our residents.

We have also received some significant donations from families and friends of the Lodge – *thank you* – including one in memoriam donation that will pay for our 2024 resident Christmas dinner. This generosity and kindness is truly a reflection of love. We are immensely grateful to all.

Last Words

Speaking of donations, December first is when I make my year end To Do checklist. And on that list is always my decision on which charities I will support for the year. It's my little 'exclamation mark' effort to close out a productive year. I mentioned the grants and donations received to date and I will tie it up

with a bow by suggesting that perhaps a donation making us your charity of choice is timely! You can go to our page at Canada Helps to make an online donation: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/36875> - there are numerous categories in the drop down list for you to choose a specific area to which you may donate. This includes staff appreciation. As you can see from the previous paragraph, your support can and does have great impact on life at the Lodge.

This year is our first year for the **Lodge Light Up** and we are very excited to launch this... this is our effort to compete with VanDusen Gardens --- small but mighty! We hope you will take the opportunity to bring your loved ones up in the evening to enjoy the lights and have a rich experience of the spirit of the season. (And, if you have any outdoor Christmas lights you might wish to donate, we will happily add them to the Christmas lights experience making it all the brighter and merrier! Please reach out to Andii at her direct line: 604-416-4067. Or email her at amillett@broadwaylodge.ca.)

May these final days of 2024 bring you peace, joy, and love. May the season wrap you in warmth and may you spend quality time with those you love.

Merry Christmas,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosemary Dunne', written in a cursive style.

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