

# FAIRHAVEN CHRISTADELPHIAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

WINTER 2020

*So even to old age and  
gray hairs, O God, do  
not forsake me, until I  
proclaim your might to  
another generation, your  
power to all those to  
come... from the depths  
of the earth you will  
bring me up again.  
Psalm 71:18,20 ESV*



## *THE LONG-TERM CARE OPTION --ADDRESSING CHANGING NEEDS*

The decision of when an older adult requires more assistance and needs to move into a congregate care setting is never easy.

We are exhorted in Ephesians 6:2 “Honor your father and mother” which is the first commandment with a “promise”. Throughout Scriptures we are instructed that we need to care for our parents and the older generation. The decision of when to move someone out of their home when more care is required is very difficult for all members of a family. Each individual and family have their own unique circumstances.

In Psalm 71 : 9 we are instructed, “do not cast me away when I am old; Do not forsake me when my strength is gone.” Does this mean if you send your loved one to a care home that you are casting them away? By all means, absolutely not. The decision on when an older adult needs to move into a care home is not casting them away. When all other resources have been exhausted, this is often the last choice. The decision is done through prayer and with their ultimate care in mind. The staff at care homes are always extremely compassionate, loving and will care

for your loved one as if they were their own family.

Paul establishes the principle of familial responsibility in caring for ‘widows’ since this primarily rests upon the younger generations. “Honor widows who are truly widows. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God.” 1 Tim.5: 3,4

Upholding the caring principle remains whether it is rendered at home or in long term care facility.

**Fairhaven Christadelphian Charitable Foundation**

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Fairhaven House circa 1970

## HOW HAS COVID-19 CHANGED THE CARE SETTING LANDSCAPE?

\* The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of our lives including residents in care facilities. Those living in care facilities are still being provided with excellent care. Care providers are doing everything they can to support the health and well-being of all clients. The biggest change in care facilities are the rules around visitation. This will vary between LTC, retirement, and assisted living facilities across the province. As the COVID-19 situation is monitored, these rules are also ever changing. Caring facilities must implement new directives from the ministry of LTC and regional public health units.

When visiting a loved one in LTC, follow the home's visiting policy. Visitors should consider their personal health and susceptibility to determine if a visit is appropriate. Before visiting, self-assess for COVID-19, follow the home's screening process, wear appropriate PPE, limit the visit to a maximum of two visitors, physical distance and practice hand hygiene. Consider scheduling your visit in advance with the LTC facility. Visiting can support the emotional well-being of residents and reduce the negative impacts of social isolation. Be mindful to limit the length of your visit and also the frequency so as to be considerate of staffing capacity and available space in the visiting location.

*This is a physically stressful time for him as he reduces his pain medication...the new sleep apnea machine seems to be helping...Thank you again so much for making all this possible.*



## THE FOUNDATION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

How can the Fairhaven Foundation be of assistance to your ecclesia? Are there health and welfare needs in your meeting that require attention, but ecclesial resources are strained or insufficient? The Foundation, operating under the applicable government regulations, may provide grants only to registered charities in Canada. We must disperse a percentage of our investment income each year, based upon a government regulatory formula.

Ecclesias in Canada may request assistance from the Foundation by following these guidelines:

Only requests from Arranging Boards will be considered. Requests from an individual member of an ecclesia will not be accepted by the Foundation. Priority is to be given to the welfare needs of Christadelphian elderly, since this reflects the original purpose of Fairhaven House. If additional funds are available after meeting these needs, then more general health and

welfare needs of the Christadelphian community will be considered, followed by health and welfare needs of the community at large. Requests must be in writing and should document, in confidence, the need, the background, the amount of help required and the amount of help being provided by the ecclesia. It is expected that the ecclesia requesting support will also provide funds to assist from its own resources. It is preferable, if possible, that ecclesias address emergency situations, and subsequently follow up with a request to the Foundation. The board of the Foundation considers requests at its semi-annual meetings in February and June each year. Emergency requests will also be addressed as quickly as possible.

Requests may be sent to:  
The Fairhaven Christadelphian Foundation  
c/o Sister Penny Sheppard, Secretary  
39 Knox Avenue  
North York, ON, M9L 2M2

It is important to appreciate that the primary responsibility to meet the welfare needs of our brothers, sisters and young people lies at the ecclesial level, and consequently the Foundation's role is to supplement, rather than supplant this ecclesial responsibility. We encourage ecclesias to be actively aware of situations where there is a need, extend help, and then approach the Foundation as a funding partner.

## AN APPEAL

In this low interest rate environment, income generated from investments has been inadequate to address the needs of recipient ecclesias. The Foundation would welcome ecclesial and individual gifts to support this work. Donations may be sent to the treasurer:

Sis. Jennifer Narjes  
8 Royal Rouge Trail  
Toronto, ON, M1B 4T4



## Year End Financial Report

### Statement of Revenue,

### Expenses And Fund Balance

### For The Year Ending

March 31, 2020

#### Revenue

Investment Income	3,600
Donations	1,700
	—————
	5,300

#### Expenses

Grants	19,044
Professional fees	2,372
Administrative	118
	—————
	21,534

Net Income (16,234)

**Opening fund balance** 263,146

**Closing fund balance** 246,912



## BEARING ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

“We all are designed to be a burden to others. You are designed to be a burden to me, and I am designed to be a burden to you... ‘Carry each other’s burdens and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.’ (Galatians 6:2)” No one likes to feel like a burden—but if the Church were able to build a culture that cares, a culture that values the remaining days of the elderly, a culture that seeks to encourage caregivers—we can be more prepared to bear one another in love and compassion. And a culture that values death is no match for a culture that values what God cherishes.”

John Stott, *The Radical Disciple: Some Neglected Aspects of Our Calling*