



BINGO FUNDRAISER

Thankyou to everyone who participated in the Bingo Fundraiser which was held Friday,January 27th in the dining room at St. George Manor! It was a full house of Sisters, Associates, friends of Holy Cross and Manchester Girl Scout Troop 10027. The purpose of this fundraiser was to raise enough money to purchase a large wall-mount television for the residents on Level One at Holy Cross Health Center.

Besides running the Bingo, volunteers were busy selling pizza and drinks and 50 / 50 raffle tickets. It was at intermission that the group attending this event witnessed a beautiful gesture on the part of Troop 10027. The Girl Scout Leader along with the group of

Scouts assembled together to make an announcement. They had heard about the wish for a wall-mount television and they decided to purchase one and to donate it to HolyCross Health Center. Their generous donation consisted of a fifty-inch television, a sound bar, and the wall mount!

There was a "universal" gasp in the room followed by a round of applause as everyone witnessed this group of young girls display their generosity on behalf of the residents at the Center. These girls had not been prodded to use their funds to satisfy this need. It was their idea; they made the purchase followed by this generous surprise gesture – one that didn't make the headlines of the evening news. Nonetheless, it is an internal news-worthy event. The room was filled with a sense of awe as everyone savored the moment in gratitude.

The Bingo Fundraiser netted \$918.00 will be put aside to purchase comfortable chairs for the sitting room so the residents can enjoy their new television set in comfort.

The next event: the Activities Department will be hosting a Pampered Chef party on Friday, February 17th with the proceeds from this event to be added to the \$918.00 and the new chairs will be purchased!

Jody Eafрати
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ONTARIO SECTOR MEETS SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY

The Associates, Sisters of the Ontario Sector and guests gathered together with a Syrian Refugee family and their translator, Ilham, on February 11, 2017. We came together to talk about the family's experience as refugees to Canada, mainly to Ottawa, a

government city. They spoke of their experiences in Syria, three years in Jordan and finally their arrival in Ottawa, sponsored by the government. They are very grateful to Canada and its people who welcomed them.

One of the purposes of the meeting was to allow them to express their needs, once their government sponsorship will end. How could we as a group of Associates, Sisters and others be of service to this family and help them.

To our delight we also experienced the culinary expertise of Ebtissame as she brought samplings for us to taste. She is very interested in beginning a small business where she can provide some kind of catering services. Needless to say, the samplings were delicious.

Zuhir, the father, is looking for employment and we are going to explore our resources to see if we can help. All are going to school to learn English...perhaps our teaching skills will also come in handy.

All in all it was a wonderful morning spent together with laughter, as well as serious sharing. They felt very welcomed, understood, and accepted by us as we did by them. Community is oneness of heart and mind. There was community and communion experienced here.

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