

WING KEI

Family update #12

June 9, 2020

Dear family and friends,

We are grateful that we currently do not have any staff or residents who have tested positive for COVID-19. We continue to work in partnership with the provincial government, Alberta Health Services, our staff, and you to be vigilant in creating a COVID-free environment at Wing Kei. The directives and restrictions for continuing care and supportive living centres remain and we are committed to continued diligence, especially as the province begins to open.

As always, we have many updates for you.

Seniors Week

June 1 to June 7 marked Seniors Week in Alberta. On Friday, a fire truck stopped outside Wing Kei to acknowledge our wonderful residents and thank the staff for their ongoing work. And we received wonderful surprise! Along with the fire truck, Minister Josephine Pon came by and cheered for residents and staff. We had a little dance party on the sidewalk, much to the amusement of residents who were watching through the windows. Minister Pon also offered a greeting to seniors in Cantonese. Click [here](#) to view the video.

During Seniors Week, our recreation team asked several residents about unforgettable moments in their life. The quotes on page three of this update are some of their memories. Each of these quotes are snippets into the stories of the people who call Wing Kei home. It is so important for us to remember these stories. We have captured photos from the last several days which you will find on the last page of this update.

Minister Shandro's visit

We were pleased to host Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health, and Leah Lechelt, Executive Director, Christian Health Association of Alberta, on May 29 when they created a video outside of Wing Kei. The video outlines the scope of the additional provincial funding for continuing care and supportive living centres to manage the extra costs associated with the pandemic. Click [here](#) to view the video.

Father's Day

Families and friends are invited to send a two-minute message of love for Father's Day. Please upload it onto Google drive and email the link to recreation@wingkei.org for Wing Kei Crescent Heights residents and to recreationgv@wingkei.org for Greenview residents. Please ensure that the setting for sharing video is set so it can be viewed by any email address. We will be sure that your loved one sees the video



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and knows you are thinking of them. To celebrate Father's Day, we are having a special dinner for all residents on Tuesday, June 23.

Window visits

Window visits are going very well. Thank you for your cooperation with scheduling visits with your loved ones. It has certainly brought them joy! We had a particularly wonderful window visit when the granddaughter of one of our residents came on her wedding day and danced with her groom so her grandfather could see and be part of the celebrations. It was a beautiful and blessed moment.

Time outdoors

We know how important it is for residents to feel sunshine on their faces. We have hired additional resources to be able to take residents outdoors to our garden so they can take in the spring time air and see the flowers beginning to bloom.

Asymptomatic testing for COVID-19

At the request of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, all continuing care and supportive living centres in the province have been asked to test residents and staff for COVID-19. This is a voluntary measure to obtain a snapshot in time to better understand the current situation and to be able to better track transmission. All results have come back negative in the residents and staff who have participated in the voluntary testing.

Family town hall

Thank you to everyone who participated in the last family town hall meeting where we shared our efforts to maintain a COVID-free environment for residents and staff. Our next one will be on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Please email selinacheng@wingkei.org for the Zoom link.

Thank you for continued understanding, patience, support, and trust. You are partners in our work, with us each day. Please continue to pray for our safety and protection.

Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.

~Psalm 117: 1-2

Kathy Tam
Chief Executive Officer



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“I did not have high education, but I worked hard and I loved music, I believe in being kind to others.

“My unforgettable moment was during the war, we had to get water from the drainage water to cook rice.

“I lived in Macau and my job was to make firecrackers. I love my job and later on it was illegal to use firecrackers and then I lost my job.

“I have five children. They have all grown up and love me very much.

“My father would take me to Wing On, a famous store in Hong Kong, and he ordered a tailormade suit for me. I was a top student in my class.

“I was a manager in a bakery and supervised more than ten staff.

“I found a good job and am a proud parent of four children.

“I am my grandma’s favourite girl.

