



# THE TAVOR VILLAGE NEWS



**TAVOR VILLAGE**  
Providing Care from the Heart

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## TRANSFORMING TAVOR VILLAGE

\$11 Million



## Transforming Tabor Village!

Tabor Village is excited to announce the Launch of the Capital Campaign with over **\$4.1 million** in cash/pledges already raised! Our first priority in transforming Tabor Village is replacing the Tabor Home complex care building that opened in 1960. This outdated facility, which cannot be renovated and is increasingly expensive to operate, no longer provides the spaces that 21st century seniors now expect, require and deserve. It will be replaced with a new, innovative complex care residence that will incorporate new approaches to complex care that address the increasing needs and expectations of seniors, while ensuring that continuity of the nearly 60-year tradition of 'Care from the Heart'.



LIVE

WORK

VOLUNTEER

DONATE

PRAY

Carl Durksen,  
Tabor Village Board Member  
Garden Park Tower Resident



Dan Levitt, Executive Director and Rob Waller, Waller & Associates



Mayor Braun and wife, Velma

For more information about the Capital Campaign and ways to partner with Tabor Village, please visit our website. [www.taborvillage.org](http://www.taborvillage.org)



## Transforming Tabor Village—Campaign Launch Event



Joined by over 335 guests for dinner at Garden Park Tower, Tabor Board Chair Vic Martens and Executive Director, Dan Levitt, as well as Abbotsford Mayor Henry Braun marked the start of a major campaign to raise **\$11 million** towards the construction of a new Tabor Village 'Centre For Living' Complex Care facility.

The evening event also featured the incredible voices of the MEI Student Choir, led by Choir Master Dean Wedel, and performances by concert violinist Calvin Dyck accompanied by

the musical talent of Columbia Bible College student, Steven Driediger. A rousing speech of support and gratitude for Tabor Village from Mayor Braun focused on the progressive and innovative mindset for seniors living that has been a hallmark of Tabor Village for almost 60 years at their Clearbrook location.

Construction of a new complex care community will bring with it a new model of care for seniors living with dementia-related conditions is the first major component of the Transforming Tabor Village Campaign.





Volunteers  
Ruth-Ann and Tom Dowd



Carol Heidebretch,  
Family of Tabor



Joy Rees and Kevin Klassen,  
Friends of Tabor



People from all over the Lower Mainland  
joined in prayer for Tabor's new building project.



Bill Dyck, Tabor Board  
Member leads in prayer

## Community has Donated 4.1 Million of the \$11 Million Goal!

The new building will replace the outdated care facility on the Tabor 'Campus of Care' and also provide for an increased number of care spaces for seniors.

Tabor Village, a charitable society governed by a volunteer board from 11 participating Mennonite Brethren Churches and others in the Fraser Valley, is a vibrant community known as a place where seniors experience loving Care from the Heart with Christian compassion and respect. As a Christian care home that was founded by the Mennonite community, Tabor Village continues to value and respect this heritage.

*"This was an outstanding launch to the campaign, and the energy from the attendees ignited the atmosphere of excitement for the future of Tabor Village and the importance of keeping Christian Care at the forefront of Seniors Care in our community,"* said Campaign Coordinator, Andrea Critchley.

Tabor Village would like to thank all of the supporters who have brought us to this point in our Capital Campaign and are partnering with us today, for a greater future for Seniors.



LEFT TO RIGHT  
The Emcees for the night:  
Andrea Critchley  
and Gurveer Sahota  
The MEI choir sang at  
the Launch. A special thank  
you to the Choir director,  
Dean Wedel and to each  
member of the choir.  
Musical talents of Columbia  
Bible College student,  
Steven Driediger  
Calvin Dyck was at his best  
during Tabor's Launch.



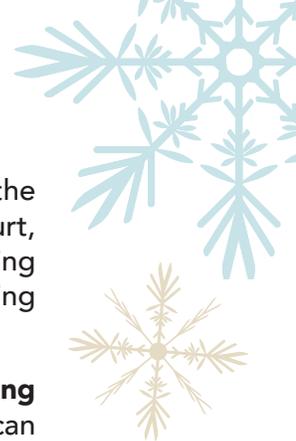
## Community Christmas Events

### Sevenoaks Shopping Centre

See if you can find the **Tabor Village Christmas Tree** in the 'Trees of Hope' in the Sevenoaks Shopping Centre, Food Court, Abbotsford, BC!! Take a moment and **VOTE** for us during this Christmas Season starting **November 19**, to help bring awareness and value to the seniors of our community.

Visit us at the Community Booth in **Sevenoaks Shopping Centre** on **December 16**, from 11am-6pm to see how you can get involved in adopting a Grandparent for Christmas!

*Merry Christmas from Tabor Village  
to You and Yours this holiday season!*



## Giving from the Heart

Laughter does the heart good they say, and when you walk through Tabor Village you will see seniors engaged in meaningful activities with smiles on their faces enjoying life to the fullest every day. Volunteers activate seniors through games, arts and crafts, reminisce about life stories, cry and laugh together, creating an atmosphere for loving, caring and sharing—it is simply contagious! Staff continually go the extra mile to make sure each senior receives individualized care from the heart that values the dignity of their life regardless of the year they were born.

When we say 'Family' at Tabor Village, we know it includes seniors and their families, staff, volunteers, churches and YOU, our community!

This Christmas we invite you, the 'Family' to help continue this culture of love and care for those that need it the most. People who no fault of their own are unable to live independently and require support with living as they age. The complex care buildings at Tabor Village are in need of replacement and we need you to give from your heart at this critical time. Your gift can be donated to either the new building project or various projects around the Village, but your support is truly invaluable at this time.

Please join us this Christmas in making the dream come true for our 'Family' and help to create a new reality for the seniors living in Abbotsford.

Thank you for supporting Tabor Village and for seeing the need for continuing and strengthening Christian Care.

### For More Information

[www.campaign.taborvillage.org](http://www.campaign.taborvillage.org)

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## For God So Loved That He GAVE

In this Christmas season where it is known as a time for giving gifts let us remember the greatest gift that God gave to us, His son Jesus. Jesus came in the form of a baby, still fully man and fully God incarnate. The Bible says he became flesh and dwelt among us. Imagine loving so much that you're willing to give the most precious gift that you have to help others. God did this for us and is asking us to do the same, to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our homes, communities and around the world. This Christmas season, let us remember the reason that we give and receive gifts... As God modeled this act for us by giving us **THE GREATEST GIFT** the world has ever known.

**Merry Christmas and many blessings to you and your home.**

—Andrea Critchley  
Capital Campaign Coordinator

