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Rocmaura Celebrates New Donor Wall

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SAINT JOHN, NB —

In a touching tribute Rocmaura Nursing Home Foundation celebrated its **tree of life**. A special ceremony gave staff, family members and friends an opportunity to honour someone dear to them.

Rocmaura Dietary workers made two special donations to the nursing home, leaving a lasting legacy in memory of two former co-workers. Staff placed a lady bug in loving memory of "Jo Jo" Cyr-Albert. They got the lady bug specially designed because Jo Jo loved lady bugs. She passed away in October 2013 awaiting a lung transplant. Another long time dining room employee, Debbie Madore, is also remembered with a leaf by her fellow staff.

Co-workers say it is not only a way to give back, but the tree reminds them to be thankful for those who care, and to pass on that care to others who need it.

Sister Louise Arsenault & Sister Margaret McLean left a leaf in memory of the Arsenault and MacLean families. Sr. Louise says the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception are like the roots of the tree. They founded Rocmaura over 40 years ago, whose mission is to be a community of caring people and is carried on today. "Just as a tree is held together by its roots, the world is held together by people who care and nurture, and help others to grow."

Cummings says "As leaves provide a tree with life, this tree will help Rocmaura grow into the future. By having staff, residents, friends and family display their names on our leaves of legacy, you are making a donation to the Foundation to enhance our Residents lives." The Foundation will use these funds to purchase things the government does not provide. "We have a long wish list of items to fill," says Cummings.

So far the donor wall has raised \$6700 for the Foundation. "We are very grateful for our new donor wall and look forward to seeing our tree grow for many years to come," says Cummings.

Rocmaura's Wish List includes needs such as:

- Blanket warmer \$3000
- Furniture for TV lounge \$2000
- Rock and lock glider \$1500
- 2 Gel pads \$150 each
- 2 transport wheelchairs \$270/ \$314
- Fall prevention equipment – gripper footwear, wandering mats, bed alarms, sensor pads \$800
- In memory - shadow box \$80

3 tier drawer for makeup and hair supplies \$30
 Pictures for dining room and hallways \$600
 Tables and chairs
 Paint to beautify the home
 Good pillows
 bottle free cooler \$492.20. Residents often complain about the taste of the tap water with their medications. Would make cold filtered water accessible on the floors
 big screen tv to post our photos and events \$600
 2 steamers to clean wheelchairs \$1000
 floor scrubber for hallways \$500
 Vacuum cleaner \$400

“We recently funded a thera-glide rocking chair for trinity court that calms and soothes residents. They love it so much they everyone wants to sit in it, so we have been asked if we can purchase another one,” says Cummings. Another wish includes a water filtration system so that swallowing pills doesn’t taste awful.

The Foundation Board is also excited to undertake a new MEMORY PROJECT which will create spaces in the home to display old fashioned items such as rotary dial telephones phone, manual typewriters, and vintage photos of Saint John sparking conversation and creating nostalgia for the residents.

For more information or make a donation, please contact: **Sally Cummings at the Foundation office** at (506) 643-7090 or foundation@rocmaura.com.

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