

Circular 013/2023

17 October 2023

Dear Resident

Douglas Murray Home for the Aged – Christmas Gift Drive

Our intention is to give a Christmas gift a senior citizen of the Douglas Murray Home for the Aged (DMH who might not otherwise receive a present this festive season. At any given time, DMH have between 70 and 80 residents who are frail and need care. They are aged citizens who are from the retreat community who have limited resources and are cared for by volunteers.

This home relies on fundraising from donations and contributions to ensure that their elderly have a comfortable space and living environment and are treated with compassion, respect and dignity.

We would like to our residents to continue this Christmas Gift initiative. Items that may be donated are:

- ❖ **Basic Toiletries** (for sensitive skin): face cloth, soap, shampoo, body lotion, soft toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, and razors;
- ❖ **Entertainment**: Audio books and a small audio player, CDs or DVDs;
- ❖ **Educational and Hobbies**: Adult colouring books and crayons, plastic blunt-tipped scissors, puzzles, paint-by-number, wool and knitting supplies;
- ❖ **Reading Material**: Pre-loved large print books and old magazines;
- ❖ **Games**: Scrabble, dominoes and crossword puzzles or a deck of playing cards;
- ❖ **Snacks**: Chocolate, chips, biscuits, biltong, dried fruits, vitamin rich sweets like Super C or Energade gums, Christmas pies and cookies and Lecol Juices; or
- ❖ **Comfortable clothing that's easy to get on and off**: cotton socks, T-Shirts, track suits, knitted scarfs and beanies, pyjamas, slippers or non-slip socks or a soft throw blanket for a bed or chair.

Once you have handed your donations to us, we will make up gift boxes and deliver these to the home by 18 December, 2023.

Cash donations are also appreciated, no matter how small – we will buy gift items and add these to the gift boxes, everything we receive is shared between the boxes.

Please drop it off your gift or cash with Sethu at reception or hand your contribution to me in the office on 2nd Floor by no later than **12:00 on Friday, 8 December 2023**.

Yours sincerely



Christine Dempers
Village Manager