



DOM LIPA

SLOVENIAN LINDEN FOUNDATION

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Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication we thank Plamen Vocal Group for their concert to benefit Dom Lipa and we announce our 2024 Lipathon virtual fundraiser. Next we share some photos from the Staff Appreciation luncheon. We celebrate Renata Ribarič's long service and congratulate Father Plazar. Then we update you about the Covid-19 outbreaks at Dom Lipa over the past few months. Finally, we honour the work of the Family Council gardeners who have made the gardens so beautiful.

Thank you Plamen Vocal Group

Thursday evening's spectacular choral event was planned by Plamen Vocal Group to benefit Dom Lipa. Marija Ahačič Pollak, Conductor and founder has led this talented Canadian-Slovenian vocal group for over 30 years. The vocal group was joined by the Jure Dalmatin Oktet from Slovenia to create a magical evening of song. Our sincere thanks to Plamen Vocal Group, the visiting Jure Dalmatin Oktet from Slovenia and everyone who attended and donated to benefit the seniors of Dom Lipa! We are pleased to share that over \$3600 was raised over the evening. If you wish to donate to Dom Lipa, you do so online, see <https://www.domlipa.ca/donations>, or send a cheque to the office (see address at the end of communication).

Lipathon on Saturday November 23, 2024

Save the date for our virtual musical fundraising event, Lipathon! This event will showcase some of the best musicians in our community. As in the past two years, we will feature songs for children during the first 20 minutes of the event. Mark Saturday, November 23rd, 6:00 pm on your calendars now!

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Each year the Administrative team hosts a wonderful party for staff at Dom Lipa to show our appreciation for their hard work and good care of our seniors. This celebration is also a time to honour staff who have achieved long service awards. This year's event took place on Thursday, September 12 on the outdoor patio surrounded by the lovely gardens and the wooded ravine. From the photos you will see the theme was beach fun!



Thank you Resident Care Director Renata Ribarič for 35 years at Dom Lipa

Renata Ribarič, our Resident Care Coordinator, celebrated 35 years with Dom Lipa this year. Congratulations and thank you Renata for your dedication and many successes over many decades!



Congratulations Father Plazar on the 60th year of Ordination

We congratulate Father Ivan Plazar as he celebrates his 60th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. The directors, member of administration and staff at Dom Lipa wish Father Plazar good health and blessings. We also gratefully remember his dedicated work on the Dom Lipa Board since the beginning of Dom Lipa.

Covid-19 Outbreak Updates

Over the past few months, there have been three Covid-19 outbreaks and we are pleased to share that all are declared over:

June 10 – June 18, 2024: West 2 wing (long-term care nursing), affecting 7 residents, 0 staff.

July 30 – August 15, 2024: Kastelic wing (long-term care nursing), affecting 2 residents, 0 staff.

August 7 – August 13, 2024: Retirement Living affecting 2 residents, 0 staff.

On September 16, one resident on West 1 tested positive for Covid-19. A second resident tested positive soon afterwards. Toronto Public Health has not declared an outbreak (an outbreak is defined as 3 or more people with positive Covid-19 tests).

We are sad to announce that one resident, who had tested Covid-19 positive, recently passed away due to the Covid-19 virus.

In addition, after one staff reported to be positive for Covid-19, the Ministry of Labour visited Dom Lipa on August 13, 2024. This is routine procedure for their inspectors. Dom Lipa's work practices were found to be compliant.

Over the next few weeks, the influenza, Covid-19 and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccines will be offered to our residents.

Thank you Dom Lipa Family Council Gardeners

The directors, the residents, family members, staff and visitors gratefully appreciate the effort and generously donated time of the Family Council gardeners!

The Family Council gardeners make the gardens not only tidy, but beautiful, with decorative features and colourful perennial plants that bloom from May to September. The constantly changing gardens at Dom Lipa provide joy, interest, and garden therapy for residents, their families and staff who can pause by taking a break outdoors to sit on the benches and view the beauty all around them.



In 2023 these four dedicated Family Council gardeners accumulated a total of 201 volunteer gardening hours of work in the gardens. This year they will likely surpass this total as they continue accumulating hours up until the late fall garden clean-up.

A lot of effort is made to mulch the gardens, which involves buying, transporting and then spreading it by hand over the vast gardens. Mulch is vital in retaining moisture and controlling weed growth. Mulch needs to be replaced frequently as it tends to break down, enriching the soil. This is particularly important at Dom Lipa due to underlying poor soil conditions and because the plants and trees along the ravine boundary continually drop weed seeds, and maple keys onto Dom Lipa grounds.

The Family Council gardeners also create and tend the raised-bed vegetable gardens to provide fresh tomatoes, beans, and cucumbers for residents' meals. Herbs, such as parsley, dill and chives are grown for Dom Lipa's cooks. Staff often bring residents outside to pick the vegetables and herbs to make "garden fresh" salads for residents to enjoy.

The Family Council gardeners are also very frugal. With a budget of \$1200 from Dom Lipa, they watch for specials and pick up the mulch and supplies instead of having them delivered.

Three of the gardeners are members of the Etobicoke Horticultural Society and have large gardens of their own, thus bringing a wealth of gardening knowledge to the team.

The Family Council gardeners are always happy to welcome new members to the team. Kindly email domlipafamilycouncil@gmail.com if you have some time and interest in volunteering.

We wish everyone a lovely autumn!

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors of the Slovenian Linden Foundation – Dom Lipa

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