

#### October 20, 2025

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication we tell you about the generosity of Mr. Raišp and his matching program for our upcoming Lipathon. We update you about the Covid Outbreak in August. We report on a Ministry of Long-Term Care inspection ending on September 17, 2025. We also share some lovely compliments from a family member of a former Dom Lipa resident. Finally, we share some photographs from the resident's outdoor lunch on August 27<sup>th</sup>, and report on the September 3<sup>rd</sup> staff appreciation day.

### Lipathon Donation Matching offered by Mr. Raišp

Lipathon 2025 is off to a wonderful start with the generosity of Mr. Frank Raišp. Mr. Raišp challenges the community to raise at least \$50,000, and he will match that amount personally. Woohoo, thank you Mr. Raišp!

This extraordinary opportunity will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Just think, if you make a donation for \$500, the total gift to Dom Lipa will be \$1,000!

Lipathon is our virtual musical fundraising event and will take place via the Lipathon Facebook page on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6 pm. The live recording of the evening will also be available on Facebook a few days after the event.

Donations will go to our capital fund to help us with our ongoing building repairs and renovations.

We are looking for help with the sound system during the live taping of Lipathon. Anyone who has knowledge and skills is welcome to send an email to info@domlipa.ca.

You may still enjoy viewing the Lipathon 2024 event which took place on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 by going to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/lipathon2024/">https://www.facebook.com/lipathon2024/</a>. The full event recording is 1 hour 47 minutes.

# Donating to Dom Lipa when there is a postal strike

To donate, please go to www.domlipa.ca and click on the green DONATE NOW button.

*Interac* transfers are accepted; however, your full legal name and address must be included as well as telephone number and email address to receive a donation receipt for tax purposes.

#### Calling all Children to join Tinka the cow puppet at Lipathon

We again invite children to join the first part of the event for songs and jokes at this year's Lipathon. Our special guest, **Tinka, the cow puppet** will read out the names of children, who sent in their drawings or jokes. Children can send their submissions by email to <a href="mailto:info@domlipa.ca">info@domlipa.ca</a>, or by dropping them off at the Churches. Please include a first name and age.

**Important:** We need to receive the drawings and entries before November 1<sup>st</sup>, please!

#### Ministry of Long-Term Care Visit of September 17

The Ministry of Long-Term Care is required to visit a home following certain incidents, such as a resident fall. Officials from the Ministry were on-site from September from September 11 to 17, 2025. They reviewed our falls prevention and management plans for residents and documentation in the residents' care plans.

No orders for non-compliance were made by the Ministry. Dom Lipa staff are committed to continue learning and improving care practices to ensure high quality care for all residents.

#### Compliments

Staff of Dom Lipa are very appreciative of your kind words. They work hard every day to care for our seniors. We receive many lovely letters, and we share this heartfelt message with you from one writer:

"All of you have created such an exceptional environment for your residence members and their families. I commend you on a job "well done". Every single, one of you makes a huge difference.

Your caring, compassion and understanding is outstanding and rare to find. It was such a blessing to have had two of my family members in your care. Although their stays were separated by 15 years, the result was consistent.

Families that put their trust in you for the elderly, know they will be treated well and with total respect. The job each of you preforms daily is not an easy one; however, very well recognized/appreciated by all those integrated in a loved one's care.

Keep up the good work. You are making a huge difference! From the volunteer Board of Directors and on down, we commend all of you on your excellence. "

## August Covid Outbreak

On Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup>, a Covid outbreak was declared at Dom Lipa. On the Kastelic Wing, four residents were infected. The outbreak was declared over on August 15<sup>th</sup> by Toronto Public Health.

### Resident's Outdoor Lunch Wed Aug 27th

Dom Lipa staff organized an outdoor luncheon and party for residents in our lovely back yard garden area. Residents were invited to sing along with the Končan family and were also entertained by accordionist Danny Šuštar.

See photos of everyone having a lovely time.







## Staff Appreciation Day September 3<sup>rd</sup>

This year's staff appreciation day centred on staff self-care. The theme was Spa Day!

Staff were offered 15 minute massages throughout the day by massage school students from George Brown College. In addition, there was a shopping opportunity for staff to buy beauty products with their LipaBucks. At mealtime, staff were offered our delicious meals.

Service awards were also given to staff who have been with Dom Lipa for over 5 years. We recognized the dedication and hard work of:

- Five staff with 5 years of service
- Three staff with 10 years of service
- One staff with 15 years of service
- Two staff with 20 years of service.

At Dom Lipa we are blessed to have experienced and loyal staff who like to work here and provide excellent, personalized care to each resident. Thank you to all our staff!

We wish everyone a wonderful fall season.

#### Sincerely,

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

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