



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Carefree Lodge – Request for Expenditure from General Donations Account

<b>Date:</b>	May 5, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged
<b>From:</b>	General Manager, Homes for the Aged
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 24
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### **SUMMARY**

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Toronto Homes for the Aged has a variety of donations accounts and an overarching policy that requires any expenditure request from a donations account to have the support and endorsement of both the Home Advisory Committee and the General Manager. Further, expenditure requests over the amount of \$5,000.00 also require the endorsement of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged.

The policy related to designated uses of the donations accounts states that expenditures shall not be made for the ordinary operation and maintenance of the home. The policy further states that the purpose of the donations accounts is to enrich or enhance the quality of life for residents.

On April 22, 2008 the Carefree Lodge Home Advisory Committee has reviewed and approved an expenditure request for \$5,000.00 plus GST to purchase patio furniture for residents' and families' use.

The request is referred to the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged for the committee's further consideration.

As the spring weather approaches, residents at Carefree Lodge are looking forward to sitting outside and enjoying the weather and the view, both in front of the home and behind the home, in the garden area. Residents have recently had discussions about the purchase of new patio furniture in order to enhance this experience and their request was referred to the Home Advisory Committee for consideration.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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The General Manager recommends that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged endorse the requested expenditure for \$5,000.00 plus GST for the purchase of patio furniture from the Carefree Lodge General Donations Account.

### **Financial Impact**

There is no impact on the 2008 operating budget.

This expenditure request is made in accordance with the criteria for use of this fund.

### **COMMENTS**

The residents of Carefree Lodge enjoy sitting outdoors. The home is proposing to purchase new benches to enhance the front patio area at the home and create new seating areas for residents and families. In addition, new seating will be purchased to create areas to sit and visit in the adjacent therapeutic garden.

Carefree Lodge has a beautiful garden area behind the home that is currently underutilized. Residents would like to enjoy the backyard on a more regular basis and the home is proposing to purchase seating and a wheelchair accessible picnic table and a protective seating area with an overhang for shade. These purchases would allow residents to enjoy both informal visiting and planned activities in the backyard area.

Current balances in the home's various donations accounts are as follows:

General Donations	\$77,065.39
Toronto Challenge	41,543.02
Pearl Belz Trust	7,484.05
Spiritual Donation	471.87
Staff education	1,047.40
Volunteers Donation	10,044.24

This request is supported by the General Manager and is consistent with the intended usage of donations accounts.

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### **SIGNATURE**

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