



# Staff Report to Council - for Direction

**Title:** Donation Funds Utilization

**From:** Megan Garland, Director of Long-Term Care and Senior Services

**Date:** July 4, 2024

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## Staff Recommendation:

That the use of funds from the Gordon Henry Amrell Trust to create, design and install murals for six dining rooms, one activity room, one hallway and one ceiling, up to a total maximum amount of \$70,000, be approved.

## Report Summary:

To create meaningful resident experiences is to provide an environment which has sensory stimulation, visual interest, engaging activities and opportunities to reminisce.

The physical environment of long-term care homes is increasingly recognized in research and best practice as an important catalyst in implementing a culture based on person-centered care philosophy. The benefits of having an environment that provides visual and interactive opportunities are for functional/physical ability, orientation, safety and security, familiarity and home-likeness, sensory stimulation, and social interaction.

## Background:

Murals transform spaces into experiences, turning ordinary walls into engaging landscapes. Custom murals and enhancements are designed to be visually stimulating and calming, contributing to a more pleasant and enriching environment.

This project will involve the design and installation of murals in six dining rooms under the guidance of our residents, focusing on their needs and preferences on each unit. The focus on the dining rooms will support providing residents with the best possible mealtime experience and resident health outcomes.

In addition, on the Responsive Behaviour Focus unit, there will be murals that will incorporate interactive, sensory stimulation and calming environments in the activity room, hallway and ceiling tiles. We anticipate that this focused approach on this unit will decrease resident behaviours, decrease psychotropic drug use, decrease caregiver burnout and increase resident engagement.

Pictures below demonstrate some examples of possible murals that could be used.



## Outdoor Country Market



The wall around the interior of the “loop” will resemble an outdoor Farmer’s market with various stands, awnings and interactive elements.

- Baskets with vegetables
- Flower sorting
- Tactile quilts



- Vegetable stand
- Corn Stand
- Honey Stand
- Flower Stand
- Fruit and Berries
- Quilts and Hats
- Lemonade / ice cream stand



The addition of sky pattern ceiling tiles will add to the “outdoor farmer’s market” aesthetic as well as bringing in additional opportunities for residents to feel as if they are outside.

### Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

The Gordon Henry Amrell Trust was provided to Brucelea Haven in January of 2013 on behalf of a deceased resident. The account has a current balance of \$202,106.

### Interdepartmental Consultation:

Consultation occurred with Corporate Services

**Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:**

Community and Partnerships - Build a strong and inclusive community

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