



ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE
CENTRE DE SANTÉ DE ST-JOSEPH

Caring... Beyond the Moment

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St. Joseph's Health Centre



Request for Property Tax Rebate

- St. Joseph's Villa is Sudbury's newest 128 bed nursing home which became operational in 2003.
- St. Joseph's Villa is owned by the St. Joseph's Health Centre which is a non-profit registered charitable organization created in 1997 and which was responsible for building the Villa.
- It is governed by a voluntary Board of Trustees with representation from the community at large including lawyers, physicians, accountants, educators, engineers and religious.
- Since 1997 we have been sponsored by the Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario.



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- When we built and prepared our budget we based our budget on the premise that we would not be paying property taxes for a variety of reasons including:
 - We are non-profit nursing home owned by a registered charity
 - We are located on Laurentian University property which does not pay taxes
 - Our Sister organizations in the South are not required to pay property taxes



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- From the chart below you can see that we have been paying property taxes since opening:

Year	Rate of Reimbursement by MOHLTC	Property Taxes Paid	Property Taxes reimbursed by MOHLTC	Cost to the Villa
2003	0.00%	\$15,515.61	\$0.00	\$15,515.61
2004	84.65%	\$186,098.72	\$157,523.00	\$28,575.72
2005	85.00%	\$195,418.85	\$166,106.00	\$29,312.85



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- While \$30,000 may seem small compared to your budgets we would like to bring the following information to light:
 - Currently we must fundraise to buy adequate food for our residents as we receive only \$5.46 per day per resident for 3 meals, 3 snacks and all nutritional supplements. This money could go toward buying more food.



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- This would allow us to potentially hire one additional bath person to assist our residents in exceeding the standards of receiving more than 2 baths per week.
- This would allow us to potentially hire one activation staff to assist our residents in the evenings and on weekends when activities are limited due to the limited number of staff.
- Funding for LTC as you know from your experience with Pioneer Manor is very minimal and every cent is necessary to ensure we can provide the highest quality care to our residents.



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- We strongly believe in treating our residents with dignity, service, excellence and integrity.
- Our Board of Directors receives no remuneration and all monies go directly back into the Villa to provide direct resident care.
- Money used to pay for property taxes is taken directly out of the money available to hire nurses and other staff.
- We are trying to assist in alleviating the ALC crisis at the hospital but without additional support we cannot hire the staff to support patients with higher levels of care and therefore many patients must stay in the hospital who otherwise might be able to go to long-term care homes.



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- We understand Council recently passed a by-law relieving non-profit licenses day care nurseries from paying property taxes. If this by-law is in place to support our children then we feel it should also be in place to support our seniors as they are equally as vulnerable and deserving of this funding.



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- OUR FORMAL REQUEST TO COUNCIL IS THAT THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX REBATE FOR NON-PROFIT NURSING HOMES WHICH ARE OWNED OR OPERATED BY REGISTERED CHARITIES IN THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY.



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- Thank you for your ongoing dedication to the seniors in our community.
- Are there any questions?



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