



2023: Quarterly Capital Campaign Update (*Christmas*)

Dear Friends & Supporters of Shalom

On Thursday December 14th, the Minister of Long-Term Care Stan Cho and other dignitaries joined senior staff and board members at the future home of the Shalom Hamilton Campus of Care for an initial ground breaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction on our new six storey long-term care facility. Click on this link to read the Ontario's Government's announcement:

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1003991/ontario-breaks-ground-on-long-term-care-home-in-hamilton>

On Saturday February 3rd 2024 at 1-3pm, we will host a celebration of this ground breaking at the Hamilton site (1411 Upper Wellington Street), for our donors, supporters, churches and the community at large. This will highlight one of the most significant accomplishments in Shalom's history realizing the vision set forth by our founders in the 1970's to build a second campus in the Hamilton area. Following a short program, cake and coffee will be served at Wellington Christian Home. Please RSVP to Theresa de Roos at giving@shalommanor.ca by Friday, January 5, 2024.

We are pleased to let you know that we have selected Graham Construction & Engineering (Graham) which was founded in 1926 to build our facility in Hamilton. Graham is an employee-owned construction solutions partner with revenues exceeding \$4 billion annually, with over nine decades of experience and offices throughout North America.

We continue to be amazed and grateful for the generous donations of over 899 individuals, churches and businesses that continue to come in. So far your generosity has provided \$18,381,889.40 in gifts or 83% of our capital campaign goal of \$22,000,000. Thank you. Praise be to God!

The season of Advent is a special time at Shalom as we focus on the true meaning of Christmas. We recently celebrated *Sinterklaas* at Shalom to the delight of our residents. In keeping with Dutch tradition we celebrated by eating *gevulde speculaas* (spice cookies) with hot chocolate and tea during a visit from *Sinterklaas*. Our residents look forward to the choirs that will come, the trips to see the lights but more importantly the opportunity to gather for worship on Christmas Day and New Years Day remembering the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour. He is truly Emmanuel, God with Us.

Thank you for your devoted kindness and support from all of us at Shalom Manor & Gardens.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In His Service Together,

John Peneycad, CEO

