

# FAIRHAVEN CHRISTADELPHIAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

WINTER 2022



*Those that be planted  
in the house of the  
LORD shall flourish  
in the courts of our  
God. They shall still  
bring forth fruit in  
old age...*

*Psalm 92:13,14*

## THE UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS OF GROWING OLD

With advancing years, it may seem life becomes a greater challenge. There are more limitations and burdens—but also greater freedom. Depending on our commitments to others, we have the freedom to choose what to do with our time. The things that once seemed important are now seen in a different light. Priorities have shifted. Rather than being pre-occupied with ‘stuff’ we can focus on holding fast and cultivating the fruits of the spirit. We can gain a profound sense of freedom when we overcome the desire to hold on to ‘things’ and set our sights on the Kingdom. We can declutter our lives and focus on what truly

matters.

Age brings clarity that enables us to reflect upon our past failures. We gain a greater appreciation of God’s mercy. Acknowledging the blessings of life, despite our sins, helps us to realize that our sins have indeed been forgiven and we can more fully grasp the magnitude of our Lord’s sacrifice on our behalf.

As we age, we become more aware of our own mortality and the effect of the curse that sin has brought. But the deterioration of our bodies, provides a contrast to a future life of immortality. This sharpens our hope and longing for Christ’s return to set all things right.

Much of the pain and suffering of

advanced years can be difficult to bear and harder to understand. Yet none of our suffering compares to what Jesus endured. Like the thief on the cross, we too can come to realize that we are suffering the discomfort of old age justly because of sin and condemnation--whereas Christ who committed no sin, suffered for us.

Our senior years also provides time for reflection and contemplation. Perhaps we are blessed to see God’s hand at work in our lives, that earlier went unnoticed. Whether in blessing or correction, we see confirmation of God’s promise, “*I will never leave thee nor forsake thee*” (Hebrews 13:5)

**Fairhaven Christadelphian Charitable Foundation**

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## AGEING

--TONY BENSON

THE TESTIMONY 1998

*If the Truth is truly allowed to influence our lives, then the physical disadvantages of growing old should not concern us. We know that aging and its consequent ills are an inevitable part of the mortality we share with the whole human race because of the sin of Adam. What matters is that we also know that, if we remain faithful to the Truth, we shall one day be freed for ever from mortality and its effects. Though we decline physically as the years advance, we should progress mentally and spiritually. As we develop those characteristics of faith, hope and love, the things of this world, which are the cause of concern and worry to many in the world, ought to be recognised as of much less importance than we may once have thought them to be. Here is a positive way of looking at growing old, but only, of course, if we truly allow the Truth to influence us. It is true that old age can eventually bring with it severe mental deterioration, but if so then the characters which have been built up in times when the mind was operating properly will be what we will be remembered by in the day of judgement.*

*“The use of the new sleep apnea machine to help his quality of sleep seems to be helping him to endure his daily activities better.”*



## THE FOUNDATION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

How can the Fairhaven Foundation be of assistance to your ecclesia? Are there health and welfare needs in your meeting that require attention, but ecclesial resources are strained or insufficient? The Foundation, operating under the applicable government regulations, may provide grants only to registered charities in Canada. We must disperse a percentage of our investment income each year, based upon a government regulatory formula.

Ecclesias in Canada may request assistance from the Foundation by following these guidelines:

Only requests from Arranging Boards will be considered. Requests from an individual member of an ecclesia will not be accepted by the Foundation.

Priority is to be given to the welfare needs of Christadelphian elderly, since this reflects the original purpose of Fairhaven House. If additional funds are available after meeting these needs, then more general health and

welfare needs of the Christadelphian community will be considered, followed by health and welfare needs of the community at large. Requests must be in writing and should document, in confidence, the need, the background, the amount of help required and the amount of help being provided by the ecclesia. It is expected that the ecclesia requesting support will also provide funds to assist from its own resources. It is preferable, if possible, that ecclesias address emergency situations, and subsequently follow up with a request to the Foundation. The board of the Foundation considers requests at its semi-annual meetings in February and June each year. Emergency requests will also be addressed as quickly as possible.

Requests may be sent to:  
 The Fairhaven Christadelphian  
 Charitable Foundation  
 c/o Sister Penny Sheppard, Secretary  
 39 Knox Avenue  
 North York, ON, M9L 2M2

It is important to appreciate that the primary responsibility to meet the welfare needs of our brothers, sisters and young people lies at the ecclesial level, and consequently the Foundation’s role is to supplement, rather than supplant this ecclesial responsibility. We encourage ecclesias to be actively aware of situations where there is a need, extend help, and then approach the Foundation as a funding partner.



## AN APPEAL

Uncertain economic times have created financial challenges for many resulting in increased demands on the resources of recipient ecclesias. The Foundation would welcome ecclesial and individual gifts to support this work. Please visit our website, [www.fairhavenfoundation.ca](http://www.fairhavenfoundation.ca) Donations can be sent to the treasurer:

Sis. Jennifer Narjes  
8 Royal Rouge Trail  
Toronto, ON, M1B 4T4

**Fairhaven House** was established in 1957 with the purchase of 123 Isabella Street in Toronto. It was to provide retirement accommodation for senior brothers and sisters in a Christ centered facility. It was able to house 28 residents at any one time. The facility remained operational until 1984 when it was decided to wind down the home and sell the building.



## Year End Financial Report

### Statement of Revenue, Expenses And Fund Balance For The Year Ending

March 31, 2022

#### Revenue

Investment Income	1,071
Donations	56,839
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	57,910

#### Expenses

Grants	27,582
Professional fees	1,998
Administrative	90
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	29,670

Net Income 28,240

**Opening fund balance** 195,926

**Closing fund balance** 224,166

### FAIRHAVEN’S TRANSFORMATION TO A FOUNDATION

A change in the provincial legislation governing the running of residential care facilities required an RN be on staff around the clock. This staffing requirement would have markedly increased operating costs. Furthermore, the home was facing occupancy of only 60%, the area was becoming undesirable and there were no Christadelphian residents. When the current nurse manager decided to retire, it was decided to cease operations and relocate the residents. The facility wasn’t serving the brotherhood as originally intended and the escalating costs could not be justified. Rather than return the public funds that had been used to help run the home, the government agreed that the proceeds could be used for ongoing senior care under the auspices of a foundation and the Fairhaven Foundation was created.