

## **MISSION EFFECTIVENESS GOALS**

### **1) To provide mission and values support to staff, volunteers, residents and families and the organization**

#### **Mission Month**

September is Mission Month at The Good Samaritan Society. It is a time to celebrate our mission, reflect on our values, remember our roots, and look to the future with hope. Special events happen at all facilities and programs to celebrate The Society's long history of providing Christian Hospitality. Mission Month also provides an opportunity to thank our dedicated and committed staff for ensuring those we serve are cared for compassionately and lovingly.

#### **Founder's Day:**

*"How One Person's Dream Driven by Faith Lives on Today in Each Act of Service"*

As part of Mission Month, Good Samaritan facilities and programs host a variety of Founder's Day celebrations. The purpose of Founder's Day is to recognize and celebrate the founding of The Good Samaritan Society, especially remembering the contribution of Founder Gottlieb Wedman and the Lutheran church, while affirming our staff through a service of re-affirmation and "Blessing of the Hands."

#### **Annual Spirituality and Wholeness Workshops**

The purpose of the workshop is to reach out to the larger community by offering a workshop to help participants grow both personally and professionally. The workshops feature knowledgeable and engaging speakers from across North America who are leaders in their field. The topic of each workshop connects spirituality and/or ethics with the workplace.

### **2) To provide professional, personal, ecclesiastical support to the chaplains and Pastoral Care Program**

Pastoral Care Services is a visible aspect of our mission. From worship to hymn sing and Bible study, the Chaplain gathers the community together in an expression of faith. Regardless of one's faith perspective, the Chaplain provides religious and spiritual care to all people through a compassionate presence, a listening ear, and friendship to all.

Today there are 19 full and part-time Chaplains. This valued service exists within our facilities and programs based solely on the financial support of our Pastoral Care Endowment Fund. If you would like to make a donation, please look for "Fund Development" on The Good Samaritan webpage.

**3) To provide liaison support to the Lutheran community through the Congregational Liaison Representative (CLR) program.**

The Congregational Liaison Representative program is a way for The Good Samaritan Society to strengthen its relationship with the Lutheran community. Our history and identity is rooted in the Lutheran community and tradition. The Congregational Liaison Representative program provides an opportunity for Lutheran congregations to enhance their social ministry program by becoming an integral part of The Good Samaritan Society's ministry of extending Christian Hospitality.

**4) To provide ethical support to staff, residents and the organization**

Ethics is the intentional reflective process of applying The Good Samaritan Society values and ethical principles to the organization and to the decisions, policies and procedures, relationships, behaviours, process and structures that affect the organization, residents/clients, staff, volunteers, families and communities.