

Opening Week Celebrations at Parkview Home

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Parkview Home, the beautiful new seniors residence on Weldon Rd. opposite Sobey's, celebrated its official opening with a series of events, beginning with the Service of Dedication on Nov. 19.

On Nov. 21, Parkview Home administrator Wally Kribs welcomed visitors, staff and residents to the official ribbon cutting at the new facility. The Parkview Bell Choir performed *O Canada* and speakers included Mayor Sue Sherban, Nancy Bailey from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term

Care, Parkview board member and former fundraising co-ordinator Joanna Reesor McDowell, and Kris Savage, the home's director of programs and support services.

Staff members were honoured at a reception on Nov. 23, and each received a gift from the board in recognition of the planning and hard work involved in the move from the original site on Rupert Avenue. To round out events, a Celebration Benefit Concert, which included music by Rouge River Connection and Glovin, was held at Parkview Village Auditorium Nov. 25.

The home, previously located on

Rupert Ave., originally opened in 1965 as a 63-bed residential care facility. A 49-bed nursing care addition was opened in 1971 and in 2001 the Parkview Board decided to embark on plans for the new 128-bed facility, which could meet both the growing needs of residents and the latest government design guidelines for long-term care.

The Mennonite Home Association of York County, which founded Parkview Home, is a non-profit, charitable organization. While Parkview's roots are in the Mennonite community, the organization now operates as an ecumenical Christian service in Stouffville.



The Parkview Home official ribbon cutting ceremony took place Nov. 21. Seen here are administrator Wally Kribs; Mayor Sue Sherban; Melody Potter, board chair, Parkview Services for Seniors; Nancy Bailey, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; Mel Mekinda, partner, Mekinda Snyder Architects; Joanna Reesor McDowell, Parkview board member; Frank Perricone, president, Percon Construction.



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