

# INSTITUTIONS REPORT

## FINBAR RYAN GERIATRIC HOME

THE Finbar Ryan Geriatric Home caters to sixty-three persons and has a staff of forty-five who work around the clock to provide quality care for our charges. Our staff and health care team provide medical, mental, psychological, recreational and social needs, while, with the help of many parishioners and friends their spiritual needs are partially met.

During the past year, our focus has been on the completion, maintenance and beautification of our facility. The Finbar Ryan Association has, with the help of corporate and private citizens been able to finance the majority of projects undertaken. There still remain a number of areas of great significance to be undertaken if our residents are to derive maximum benefits.

A lacking component in the work done at this home is the need for volunteers or friends of the elderly to utilize some of their skills to enhance staff efficiency. To name a few:

1. Someone to help a resident make a card and send it to someone of significance.
2. To help a resident mend a dress.
3. To read a book to a resident.
4. To write a letter and send off to someone
5. To take someone for a walk in the yard or rooftop.
6. To give a haircut or shave.
7. To sing a song or two with.
8. To just sit and have a quiet chat with.
9. To make a few craft items with.
10. To implement a pilot project geared to foster closer interaction between residents and the immediate community, especially the younger people, with the view to giving them a better appreciation of the residents needs as it relates to care giving generally and a basic understanding of what they would need or what would be their needs in their latter years.

During the next year, we hope to again be able to offer both staff and the general community continued training in the form of workshops and seminars to better be able to cater to needs of our growing older population.

In closing, although it is not a norm, special mention must be made of two very special persons and one very special company for the invaluable contribution they have made on the lives of our residents and staff. They are Mrs. Myrna Hadeed of the F.R.A.; Dr. Randy Phillip and Youngs Pharma Serve Ltd.