

## **Touchmark creates romantic dinner for continuing-care residents**

As couples age, it's not uncommon for one individual to need more care while a spouse still can live independently. This often means one spouse is in a continuing-care community while the other lives across town—or in the case of Touchmark at Wedgewood, right next door.

Recently, Touchmark held the first Romantic Couples Dinner in its Health Services Neighbourhood. Seven couples attended the semiformal dinner event, which was held in the Amethyst Room.

On September 16, 2010, staff spent the afternoon preparing the room and setting the tables for two. The chef and members of the Dining Services team prepared a dinner featuring prime rib with Yorkshire pudding and strawberry shortcake for dessert. The evening got under way at 5 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner at 5:30. Beginning at 6 pm, guitarist Allan Rathgeber entertained the diners.

Each of the couples was thrilled to dress up for this special occasion, and they thoroughly enjoyed the special evening created just for them.

“Thank you for the lovely dinner. It was so nice; we really enjoyed it,” said Agnes Koehler.

Beth and Jim Peterson also had high praise and thanked the staff for the nice, memorable evening.

Ernest Dalwood thought it was a real treat to sit down with his wife for the delicious dinner. “I miss having our meals together,” he said.

Life Enrichment/Wellness Director Brenda Edmonds says the evening was so successful that Touchmark definitely will repeat it. “It was heartwarming to see these couples, who must live separately from one another, be able to participate in a romantic dinner created just for them.”