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Emmanuel Home's New Website Launched



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Welcome to Emmanuel Home

Emmanuel Home provides senior living facilities and care in a Christian community. We recognize that caring for the seniors in our community and providing facilities for their use and benefit is a communal responsibility.

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Emmanuel Home has recently launched its new and improved website to better serve residents, their families and supporters. The new website contains up to date information on living options and the many programs and services that are available. In preparation for the new website, Brittney Berner, a professional photographer and videographer, was engaged to provide updated visuals. She spent four days at Emmanuel Home in late May, filming many residents and activities for inclusion in the

website and for use in other promotional materials.

"The new website provides an exciting window on life at Emmanuel Home" says Executive Director, Darren Sinke. "We are excited to share this with our supporters and the greater Edmonton community."

A short video was also created and added to the website.

Visit emmanuelhome.ca on your computer, tablet or smart phone to find information about quality living at Emmanuel Home.

**Emmanuel Home's
Annual Christmas
Craft Sale
& Silent Auction
Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Trinity CRC
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Message from the Executive Director

Greetings from Emmanuel Home! As we head into a busy fall season of planning and events, we want to acknowledge the Lord's continued faithfulness and provision as we live and work in community at Emmanuel Home. Your participation as Society members with us is very much appreciated and necessary to fulfilling our mission. This fall newsletter highlights some significant projects that are moving us forward this year.

With the recent launch of our new website, you will now be able to access important news and information much more quickly. You can also easily make donations and renew your Society membership online in support of the residents of Emmanuel Home.

The strong support of our board and membership has enabled Emmanuel Home's capital expansion project to make progress towards a spring 2018 groundbreaking! There is still lots of work to do to get to that point. This building project will provide a significant increase in independent retirement living spaces for seniors in our community. See article on page 3 for more details.

Our calendars are full of opportunities to enjoy a wide range of activities, and we continue to pursue a number of projects! On a day to day basis, residents choose from an extensive list of activities and services to fill up their day. Or, as is the case every summer, they simply enjoy being outdoors with a couple of friends, socializing over coffee or reading a book on their own in the sunshine. Add in one or two of the frequent bus trips to various places in the community and a good home cooked meal in the dining room, and we have a full slate of things to do!

In the end, though, regardless of what is going on each day, it is the people who make Emmanuel Home so special! I want to thank each one of you, whatever your role is, for your continued support of Emmanuel Home!

Darren Sinke

Meet Wilma Wierenga, resident

When Wilma Wierenga moved into Emmanuel Home in 2012, there was something about the natural setting that made her feel at home right away.

"I lived most of my life in the country so I liked the surroundings right away. The courtyards, especially in the summer when everything is in bloom, are so nice," says the cheerful senior, who called Neerlandia, north of Edmonton, home for 51 years.

She loves the convenience, a church next door (Trinity Christian Reformed Church) that she can walk to, a doctor on site if needed, prescriptions can be picked up in the complex. "It didn't take any time to adjust. I never had any qualms about moving here," she says.

The mother of six children was a popular school librarian from 1974 to 1994, bowing out just as computers were making their way into Neerlandia Christian Public School. "I loved it," she says of her job, which was a labour of love. "To get to know children's literature, to find out the good authors for children."

Wilma and her husband enjoyed reading throughout their married life, sharing their love of books with their children. Emmanuel Home's *Gerry Segger Library* has enabled her to continue to feed her appreciation for a good book, especially novels.

Wilma knows a decent library when she sees one and Emmanuel's still holds her interest five years after taking out her first book.

"As you use it more, you find books you didn't think you would like and then I find that I do!" She says. "I like to get into series. I always have a book going."

Chicken Soup is a book club of sorts at Emmanuel, where book-lovers can read a story aloud to fellow aficionados over a cup of soup. Wilma is an active participant, but it's just one of the regular events at Emmanuel that stirs her enthusiasm for the community life the residence offers her. Music is another passion, so she helps choose the songs and provide the song sheets for after-dinner hymn sings.

"You're free to be as active as you like here, take any or all of the bus trips that are offered," Wilma says. "It's a Christian atmosphere and yet people come from a great variety of backgrounds, so meeting new residents is always interesting."

For more resident stories, go to our website: emmanuelhome.ca/involved/testimonials.



Wilma Wierenga receives a visit from Pastor Rich deLange.

Recreation Activities help to keep Residents Healthy

Residents of Emmanuel Home have participated in a number of very enjoyable outings this spring and summer.

They have taken a trip to the Alberta Legislature to celebrate Seniors Week. They have gone to several local greenhouses and outdoor markets, including 104 Street and St Albert. The residents even took their annual day trip to Peaceful Valley Provincial Recreation Area.

A summer highlight was their volunteer activities at Lady Flower Garden where they were able to assist with the distribution of fresh food supplies for several city agencies who support individuals and families with low incomes in the Edmonton area.



Resident, Clarence Visser enjoys a break in a quiet, beautiful spot.

Building Expansion Update

Significant progress continues to be made towards the 48-suite expansion project at Emmanuel Home. The applications for re-zoning and development permits have been submitted to the city, and, while we wait for those to be approved, work continues on the details of the building itself. A team of structural, mechanical, civil, and electrical engineers has been selected. It is exciting to see the plans come together!

In addition to the 29 2-bedroom suites and 19 1-bedroom suites, the expansion will include a significant amount of common space, in order to enhance the social and community atmosphere for all of Emmanuel Home.

Our current target is to have a finalized project and budget late this fall, setting us up for a construction start early in the new year. As always, these targets are fluid and rely on a number of moving pieces, but we are in good shape to bring this project to fruition!



Residents exercise their green thumbs with garden beds on the property. This bed is completely covered with beautiful flowers.

Emmanuel Home's Annual Christmas Craft Sale and Silent Auction

Saturday
November 25, 2017
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Trinity CRC

Come with your family and experience a festive time of crafts, ethnic food, silent auction, and of course fellowship!

For more information, check out our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/emmanuelhomealberta/>

Consider Moving to Emmanuel Home

Have you considered a move to an active and supportive Christian seniors' community? Then contact us for more information.

We would be pleased to offer you a tour and to discuss your needs and interests. Don't delay!

With Emmanuel Home's waitlist continuing to grow, it is important that you include your name on the list as soon as possible. For more information or to book a tour, contact Sonja at sonja@emmanuelhome.ca or call 780.442.3122.

Become a Member of the Society

Your support of the residents of Emmanuel Home is very much appreciated!

Membership provides you with the opportunity to give input on many significant issues including our expansion plans that are considered by the Board of Directors and which affect the lives of residents and their families, both now and into the future.

You will receive regular and timely information on what's happening at Emmanuel Home, and invitations to participate in events that take place during the year.

All members of the Society sign their support of the Statement of Faith. To become a member, to renew your 2017 membership or for more information, please contact Coby at cbenoit@emmanuelhome.ca or call 780.822.1271.

You can also renew your membership online at <https://emmanuelhome.ca/involved/society>



An estate gift in memory of **George & Nancy Abma** was gratefully received and designated for the purchase of community assembly space furnishings for Emmanuel Home's new building addition.



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The following individuals were remembered with Memorial Gifts to support the residents of Emmanuel Home:

- Jenny Horneman
- Sam Talsma
- Dini Berkenbosch
- Harriet Wierenga



Go to Emmanuel Home's new website emmanuelhome.ca to view our recently completed promotional video.

Employment Opportunities

Are you interested in working in a Christian environment with great staff? Then Emmanuel Home is the place for you. We particularly wish to receive applications from individuals in our supporting community.

Please submit your resumes to:

Jane Beck, jbeck@emmanuelhome.ca for kitchen and housekeeping positions, or,

Donna Callahan, dcallahan@emmanuelhome.ca for Health Care Aide/Licensed Practical Nurse positions.

For more information call 780.478.2051. emmanuelhome.ca/about/careers



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