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## West End Update

The West End project is so close to being a reality! The planning & preparation is just about complete, as the final piece to the puzzle is the actual subdivision of the property in Inglewood. Once the City of Edmonton and Epcor give us their final stamp of approval and the land purchase is completed, we will be ready to begin construction! The 101-suite building has been designed, the drawings are ready, and financing conversations are ready to take the next step.

It has truly been a blessing to see the Lord bring this project together. With a long list of people who have already signed up, we look forward to this next phase of growth for the Society!

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### Message from the CEO

Greetings from Emmanuel Home! On one hand, it's hard to believe that we are this far into the fall season already. On the other hand, when we reflect on the past few months, there are so many highlights of what the Lord has done and is doing every day!

The context and conversations in the day to day of seniors' housing & care has been dominated by the pandemic, and rightfully so. Not only has Emmanuel Home been wrestling through all of the health impacts of COVID-19 and the related public health restrictions, it has also been working hard to maintain the best care possible while residents deal with their own unique personal lives and challenges.

I'm thankful for the continued smiles and celebrations, despite those challenges. I'm also thankful for staff that have worked tirelessly throughout the past 20 months. The Lord is good, and He has provided! We continue to lean on Him for the ongoing needs of our seniors, and really value the surrounding community that has helped to sustain Emmanuel Home over the years. Thank you for your continued prayers & support!

Darren Sinke

# Resident Spiritual & Emotional Support Initiative

All funds raised will go directly to the following:

- Development of a Chaplaincy program at Emmanuel Home
- Resources to support a volunteer program to address mental health challenges which have become evident during COVID

A Chaplaincy at Emmanuel Home engages the spiritual needs of residents, enhances the spiritual life of every person in the community, and advocates for spiritual values in community life.

It provides a pastoral presence, worship opportunities, and spiritual programs for our Residents and for Staff.

This initiative is a long-term opportunity for supporters to help fund the ongoing work of a Chaplain who builds trust and relationships with Residents, assists new Residents in their transition to community life, and provides appropriate worship services and programs to meet the needs of all Residents.

Please consider how you might help in the funding and development of this vital long-term initiative at Emmanuel Home. Just give us a call for more information: 780-478-2051.



DONATIONS GRATEFULLY
RECEIVED FROM
LOCAL AREA CHURCHES

Barrhead Can. Ref. Church

Edson-Peers CRC

First CRC

First Prot. Ref. Church of Edmonton

Inglewood CRC

St. Albert CRC

## RECREATION UPDATE

- "Never underestimate the importance of having fun."
- -Randy Pausch.



#### Greetings from Emmanuel Home's Recreation department!

We are doing our best to ensure that smiles and happiness remain in these COVID trying times. We are thankful for vaccinations and that almost all of the residents chose to become fully vaccinated to allow them to feel safe. Considering the situation, we have had a great time this summer! We have gone on out trips to different parks within the city, visited a dairy farm, and Wabamun Lake. We have enjoyed numerous "Evenings at the Campfire," where residents sang their favorite hymns and campfire songs and roasted hot dogs over the fire. We have brought out residents' competitive edges by playing a lot of games outside and inside the home.

One of the ways that we gave back to the community is by means of a drive to "Build Backpacks" for the Mustard Seed's campaign, allowing less fortunate children to go back to school well equipped. We raised money by barbecuing burgers and brats and selling them. Once the monies came in, it was time to stuff the backpacks with the required school supplies requested by Edmonton Public Schools. It was a blessing to be a blessing, which allowed residents to work together for a common goal, building community.

We are thankful for the ways we can count our blessings at Emmanuel Home!

Aria Klyn-Hesselink Recreation Coordinator

#### The following individuals were

remembered with Memorial Gifts:

Grace Hiemstra

Lloyd Westra Maria Pool





#### STUDIO SUITES AVAILABLE

#### Newly Renovated & Cost Effective

Emmanuel Home is now offering Studio Suites for independent seniors who want to become part of a supportive Christian community. These are newly renovated 375 sq. ft suites with full kitchen, combined living and bedroom area, walk-in shower and extra storage. Residents have access to home care, meal plans, and recreational activities as desired.

Residents of Emmanuel Home enjoy a loving and supportive community of Christian seniors, beautiful courtyards and grounds, a diverse range of recreational activities and dedicated, caring staff.

Contact us today to arrange a guided tour of the Studio Suites and Emmanuel Home. Call Fred at 780-442-3122 or fwoudstra@emmanuelhome.ca for more information. We look forward to meeting you!





# Emmanuel Home has its own version of a 'Life Lease'. This program provides for a Rent Reduction on a resident's suite, based on the amount of an investment made in Emmanuel Home. The current rate of return is 3%, which translates into a Rent Reduction of \$250.00 per month on every \$100,000 invested.

Contact Henry Baker,
hbaker@emmanuelhome.ca
if you would like more
information for yourself or a
family member.

Are you caring for a loved one and need a short-term break? Consider Respite Care at Emmanuel Home. Respite Care can improve the long-term functioning of both the caregiver and the person receiving care. For more information contact Marianne Peacock at 780.478.2051,

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