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Thrift Store-y



Since its inception on June 6, 2022, Emmanuel Home's Treasures Thrift Store has quickly become a beloved community resource, generating an impressive \$13,500 last year! Half of the proceeds support the E4C school lunch program and the other half supports Emmanuel Home activities or projects. Recently, a new couch was purchased for the Centre Wing lobby, as well as all plants given to new residents by the Welcome Committee. Unsold items are donated to Mission Thrift, which effectively utilizes 95% of all donations. The idea for the thrift store has been a long wish of Maria Bos, and it has proven to be a perfect and convenient option for residents looking to declutter without the hassle of movers. A team of volunteers including Annetta Leffers, Gail Sabo, Margaret Pelster (missing from photo), Bonnie Beaudry, Norm Beaudry,

Aart Van Leeuwen, and Nellie Admiraal, diligently curate and manage the store's offerings, ensuring a delightful shopping experience for residents, staff members, and visitors.







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Front Yards in Bloom

Emmanuel Home has been nominated once again for Front Yards in Bloom 2024! We're proud to have been recognized every year, and we even secured 3rd place in 2018. Deandra Dewitt & Mary Van Ryk (pictured here) as well as our other dedicated volunteer gardeners are hard at work, making sure our blooms are brighter than ever.



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

It's hard to believe three months have come and gone since I was appointed CEO! It has been a steep learning curve but one full of many rich rewards and blessings. The residents have stolen my heart, the staff and volunteers are extraordinarily patient and supportive (to both me and the residents) and our partners and supporters are second to none! It is so encouraging to see our good God's handiwork here each and every day.

Some highlights from the summer include:

Congrats and thanks to the Recreation team for holding so many interesting and enjoyable summer outings and activities! Congrats and thanks to the Kitchen and Maintenance Teams for a successful OH&S Audit! Thanks to all the residents who so enthusiastically joined me in revitalizing the Resident Focus Group! Thanks to all those that donated to support the Jasper Wildfire Recovery effort. We will be renaming the North Meeting Room the "Jasper Room" in honour of the recovery effort. Successful implementation and rollout of Maintenance Care, Emar and Payworks are helping us grow



and keep up with a changing world. Thankfully, one thing that never changes is God's unfailing love, and we see Him at work here each and every day. It is so encouraging to work with such an amazing team to deliver all of the above success stories and who put the care of our residents as their utmost priority. I can see why this place is so special and I'm honoured to be part of it.

In His humble service, Erin









DID YOU KNOW?

Gift cards can be purchased for dining room or in-suite service of breakfast, lunch or dinner and include one free meal for every 10 purchased! Northern Perk gift cards can be used for café menu fare and any grocery staples sold there (ie bread, milk, eggs, butter). It's a great way to ensure nutritious meals are always available without enrolling in a full meal plan. Great for hosting visitors or recovering from a hospital stay too!

The Lighthouse Update

The Lighthouse is Alberta's newest Christian seniors' community! Over the past two years, ongoing construction and development in central Edmonton has brought the project to a place where the Emmanuel Seniors Living Society can now begin securing suites and planning a grand opening. With thanks to the Lord, the Lighthouse is slated to open in late January 2025!

101 fully self-contained suites will be surrounded by generous common areas and robust services. The wide range of suite options will provide opportunities for seniors to live in comfort and with dignity in a diverse Christian community.

The last few months of construction will be focused on developing the main social areas, the commercial kitchen, and as much of the landscaping and groundwork that the weather will permit. Inspections and occupancy permits will be the focus in early January 2025, with the Society staff moving in by

the middle of January!



The Suite Life

For those who are visiting from out of town, or perhaps just want to give community living a try, book our Guest Suite. Come for the day and participate in one of our amazing out trips, join a hymn sing or devotion, play cards and then sleep over! Be sure to join us for morning coffee at The Northern Perk (always complimentary!).

Thanks to all those who participated in our 2nd Annual Emmanual Home Golf Classic. We raised over \$37,000 which supports the enrichment of the residence experience.

Special thanks to Keller Construction who was our Title Sponsor.

Congrats to the Sinke Consulting Team who were the tournament champions.





Investment Opportunity for Residents - Rent Reduction Program

Our Society strives to show good stewardship in every aspect of our activities. This also includes good management of financial resources. In 2020, we began to offer a program which we called the Life Lease Program, to give an investment opportunity to residents. A rent reduction is offered based on funds invested by the resident in the Society. Since then, we have had about \$5 million invested in this program. Recent events in the news have led us to the decision to rename the program it is now simply called the Rent Reduction Program. All other aspects of the program remain the same in return for an investment by a resident of between \$20,000 and \$500,000, a rent reduction is calculated and applied to each month's rent. Funds can be added or removed at the resident's request, and the investment is terminated when a resident moves out. The Society uses these funds to reduce reliance on bank financing for our long-term debt. If you have questions about this program, or would like to participate, please contact Henry Baker, Director of Finance, at 780-478-3063 or by email at finance@emmanuelhome.ca.



Accreditation Update

We are working hard to prepare!

What is it?

Accreditation Canada has been working with health, social and community service organizations to advance quality and safety for over 60 years. They have developed a set of standards from global evidence-based assessments on quality improvement solutions that organizations like us are challenged to meet. These include:

- · Ensuring our Emergency Response Plan is thorough and robust.
- · Residents are included in providing feedback about what we offer for food in our dining room.
- · Medication Administration and other Healthcare Services are provided in a safe manner.

Why should we be Accredited?

Emmanuel Home strives to meet and exceed quality services for our residents. We take this seriously and Accreditation is one of the industry recognized methods that keeps us sharp and diligent in our services.

How can you be involved?

We encourage residents and family members to participate in surveys, provide feedback and join us in various committees and focus groups. We invite you to join us on Wednesday, October 9, at 945 a.m. in the NW Common Area to hear directly from our auditors, Deborah and Nina as they will provide a debriefing on how the 2 survey days went and how Emmanuel Home is doing to meet the Accreditation standards.

Thank you to all residents, staff, and resident family members for your ongoing support!



Summer Fun!

Greetings from the Recreation Department!

We had a great summer, enjoying the beautiful grounds of Emmanuel Home, as well as visiting several places in and around Edmonton. One of our favourite things to do is have an evening at the campfire, where we all visit together, sing some songs and roast hot dogs.

We enjoyed musical entertainment from groups from duos to choirs. We have heard music from Patsy Cline to Johnny Cash, as well as many hymns and praise songs.



The Lord has continued to bless us richly as a community; for this we are forever thankful!





If you are interested in bringing joy to the residents of our community, and be blessed in return, please do not hesitate to reach out and become part of our community in this way!



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