

# ECHO

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## Society Update

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CEO, ERIN WALTON!



On behalf of our Board of Directors, we are extremely pleased to welcome our new CEO, Erin Walton.

Erin will join our administration team on a part-time basis this June and she will become our full-time CEO on July 1, 2024.

*Erin was born and raised in London, Ontario, and educated at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. In both cities, Erin attended and was active in the Presbyterian Church. She moved to Alberta for a position directing the Presbyterian Camp on Sylvan Lake. There, she met her husband Stephen, an Edmontonian, so she moved to Edmonton where they were married in 1998. Upon settling in Edmonton, Erin worked at the King's University College for 5 years before moving to MacEwan University where she has worked for the past 15 years. Stephen and Erin, along with their children Rachel, 18, and Joseph, 16 attend Capilano Christian Assembly.*

*Erin has a passion for exemplary guest services and loves to share this with others. In addition to speaking engagements, Erin loves to share her knowledge in the classroom. This spark was ignited in 2016 when she began teaching for the Edmonton Oilers Hospitality Institute at Norquest College and continues today. Still teaching in the Hospitality Management program at Norquest College, she is also now involved in Instructional Design for this program. Today, Erin is excited to continue her journey as the new CEO of Emmanuel Seniors Living Society.*

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work done by our Transition Team that consisted of Coby Benoit, Andrew Yskes, Darren Sinke and myself, and we thank our Lord for His Providence in providing us with a new leader for ESLs.

Finally, the Board expresses its sincere appreciation to Laura Pothoven who very ably led the organization as Interim CEO through this transition period. Her dedicated service and her steadfast efforts are very much appreciated! Laura will remain as our interim CEO until June 30/24.

In His Service, Peter G. Jonkman, Chair  
Board of Directors

You are invited to the  
**Emmanuel Seniors Living  
Society's  
Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 28, 2024**  
7:00 p.m. Trinity CRC  
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# Message from Laura

It has already been 10 months since I started the interim role and life at Emmanuel Home has been “humming” along since! Activities for residents are ongoing with great enthusiasm. We welcomed quite a few new faces this spring, and the recent Easter dinner was enjoyed by many! The warmer temperatures have allowed the initiation of the construction of a greenhouse. This has been made possible through a generous donation. With much appreciation, we can start some development in our “backyard” field and look forward to residents being able to start gardening sooner than usual, a favorite hobby among many of our residents here.

The recent changes made by the Alberta government to the AHS structure have begun, and not much noticeably has changed. However, we remain sharp on these updates and look for opportunities that may arise from this. Among other changes, we said farewell to several long-term staff as they moved on to retirement, being closer to family, and new opportunities. While it is bittersweet, we are also thankful for those who have taken their place. Alongside this fresh energy, we continue to see the continuation of quality services for the residents. We especially welcome, Erin, our new CEO and wish her the Lord's blessing as she settles into her role.

The mild temperatures have been great for the construction of the Lighthouse, and it remains on track for opening in early Spring 2025, plans are being made to have a suite available for viewing on May 11, 2024. Check elsewhere in the newsletter for more information about this!

With much going on, we continue to see and feel the Lord providing, and we indeed, Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

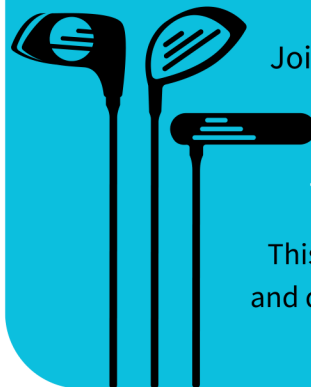


Donations gratefully received from local churches:

- Emmanuel Community Ref. Church
- Maranatha CRC
- Neerlandia Can. Ref. Church
- St. Albert Can. Ref. Church
- WestEnd CRC
- First CRC
- Hosanna Protestant Ref. Church

## Emmanuel Home's 2nd Annual Golf Classic Presented by Keller Construction Ltd.

Saturday • June 22 2024



Join us for our second annual fundraising golf tournament!

Shotgun Start at 8:00 a.m. at

The Ranch Golf & Country Club

This event will include a delicious steak meal, and door prizes! Check out our website for more information!

# LIGHTHOUSE UPDATE!



We continue to be thankful for the fantastic construction weather. It has helped us stay on schedule! The anticipated opening is still January 2025, for which we are thankful!

The first suites are close to completion on the fourth floor of the East wing (including kitchens, countertops, and paint). Progress will continue down to the first floor of the East wing, and then move back up to the 4th floor of the West wing. This summer, work will begin on the commercial kitchen/dining room and common areas.

- The finished Lighthouse will also include a hair salon, library, and sunroom common areas.
- Every suite has its own air conditioning & heating
- Underground parking available!

We appreciate the ongoing relationship with Keller Construction and the collaborative spirit of everyone involved. Please pray for continued safety, smooth logistics, and progress!

## One of Our Recent Townhall Events!



ESLS hosted 2 townhalls, in March and April. If you are interested in hearing more information about the Lighthouse, feel free to contact Fred Woudstra by email at, [fwoudstra@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:fwoudstra@emmanuelhome.ca), or by phone 780.442.3122

## Emmanuel Seniors Living Society

### Annual General Meeting Notice

Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
Trinity CRC, 13427 57 St, Edmonton

#### Items of Interest

- Board introductions
- Report from CEO
- Presentation of 2023 Financial Statements
- Budget 2024 Presentation
- Update on The Lighthouse
- Election of New Board Members
- Appreciations of Retiring Board Members



## Suite Viewing Opportunity!

On Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to noon we will be on-site at the Lighthouse to provide a sneak peek tour of a suite. This is a chance to check out the suites, the home, and the location.


We hope to see you there!






# Volunteer Evening

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" 1 Peter 4:10*

 Emmanuel Home held a special evening in honour of our volunteers past & present.

Thank you for all you do for Emmanuel Home!



The following individuals were remembered with Memorial Gifts:

**Case Hoetmer**  
**Rose Goutbeck**



## Accreditation Update

Emmanuel Home continues its Accreditation Journey with our next survey scheduled in October.

**What is it?** Accreditation is an ongoing process of assessing health care and social services organizations against standards of excellence to identify what is being done well and what needs to be improved.

**Why?** Accreditation is important because it helps create better health care and social services for you, your family, and your community.

**How?** Many parts are involved, the following list captures a few key areas:

- Surveys / Feedback
- Resident Meetings, Resident Focus Group
- Pharmacy Partnership Support
- Quality Improvement Initiatives
- Policies & Procedures
- Medication Safety
- Emergency Preparedness
- Governance

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

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