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Message from CEO

It's hard to believe it's been almost a year since I was appointed CEO of Emmanuel Seniors Living Society... and what a year it has been! It is a blessing and a privilege to serve our good God in this way. The residents, families, staff and volunteers I come in contact with every day are a constant reminder of our mission and purpose, and how it advances God's Kingdom here on earth.

The Board, community partners and donors are a heartwarming encouragement and support to me each and every day, and lift me up when the pressures mount. And there have indeed been some pressures! We are facing some challenges related to rising food costs, maintenance concerns at Emmanuel Home due to the age of some of our facilities, growing pains, uncertainties with Alberta Health Services' new model and government support. However, we are also experiencing God's providence in so many ways as well! We have faithful supporters who continue to strengthen our future



through the generous sharing of their resources and time. We passed our Accreditation Audit in the fall so Emmanuel Home is now Accredited by Accreditation Canada, officially recognizing the exceptional quality of work and high standards of care the team demonstrates each and every day while caring for our residents. And last but not least, we have now successfully opened our second facility, Lighthouse, in the Inglewood area of Edmonton. Not only was the project completed on budget and on time, but we were also able to move our first residents in on February 1st as planned and now have over 40 individuals living there! Thanks to Darren Sinke, Owners Rep and Graeme Vriend of Keller Construction who spearheaded this incredible initiative, making a longtime dream into a reality.

I find myself excited to come to work each day and am so honoured to be part of such an incredible organization, built on a foundation of faith.



Annual Report



For Emmanuel Seniors Living Society's full report, visit our website at

esls.ca/annualreport

Lighthouse Grand Opening! September 25, 2025

5:30 PM

11425 St Albert Trail NW, Edmonton, AB / T5M 2V4



Lighthouse Update

On Feb 1st, 2025, the first residents moved into Lighthouse! It was a special moment, bringing almost 7 years of dreaming and planning to fruition. By God's grace, the entire project stayed on schedule and on budget!

Over the past couple of months, the story of the Emmanuel Seniors Living Society and its history of providing quality housing for seniors in a Christian environment has been told. Additionally, many people have recognized the incredible value that Lighthouse offers, compared to other seniors' housing

options in the city. The size and design of the suites, along with the bright common areas and amenities, are exceptional!

As spring turns into summer, we are looking forward to the landscaping plan coming to fruition, and the added value that the beautiful courtyards and gardens will add to the suites themselves. We look forward to celebrating with an official Grand Opening in a few months!

Friendship Tea







On March 21, residents from Emmanuel Home and Lighthouse came together for a heartwarming Friendship Tea, enjoying classic teas and Lighthouse's inhouse dessert squares.

Thank you to all the residents, volunteers, and staff for coming together to make this happen!

Volunteers Needed!

Keep Fit, companion care (at Emmanuel Home + Lighthouse), Walmart Bus Trips, help with resident iPads, event host, bus assistant, & dining room devotions. If interested, contact: volunteer@esls.ca



Now Open!



A guest suite at Lighthouse! To book the guest suite at Lighthouse, contact 780-440-8783.

Opening soon! An additional second guest suite at Emmanuel Home! To book the guest suite at Emmanuel Home, contact 780-478-2051.



The following individuals were remembered with Memorial Gifts:

> Dan Vriend Tom Rennie

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM LOCAL AREA CHURCHES

- CRC of St. Albert - Emmanuel Community RC - First CRC - Maranatha CRC - St. Albert Canadian RC Deaconate - Trinity CRC - West End CRC



What a Sale!



The "What a Sale" by the Treasures Thrift Store raised an amazing \$1,941! Proceeds are split between Recreation and Lunch programs for school kids called E4C.



Rent Reduction Program

Do you want to consider a way to reduce your rent? Amidst global uncertainty and economic volatility, the Rent Reduction Program offers a guaranteed return on investment, stability, and peace of mind. The Society has a program for residents to invest surplus savings in return for a rent reduction that is deducted from rent each month.

Some other features of this program include:

- 1. Minimum investment of \$20,000
- 2. Maximum investment of \$500,000

3. Current rate of return is 4.0% (reviewed July every year)

4. Funds can be added or withdrawn on request

5. These investments are used only to reduce Society bank debt

6. Investments must be returned in full when a resident moves out

7. No fees of any kind

8. When a return of funds is requested by a resident, the Society has a maximum of 90 days to return the funds (if not available immediately) If you would like more information, call Henry Baker (780-478-3063, hbaker@esls.ca) or Christy Antoniuk (825-468-1859, cantoniuk@esls.ca) for a copy of the Agreement and Promissory Note, or to set up a meeting. Thanks for your consideration!







Gift cards can be purchased for housekeeping, 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). Contact Reception at 780-478-2051 for purchasing Emmanuel Home Gift Cards.



Announcing our Partnership with Christian Stewardship Services!

As a resident of Emmanuel Home, you have access to a confidential consultation with a Stewardship Consultant from Christian Stewardship Services (CSS) at no cost to you.

CSS is a Christian charity with nearly 50 years of experience in helping Christians with their Estate and Will documents, as well as facilitating gifts of financial resources to charity through tax-wise strategies.

If you have decided in your heart to give, CSS can help!



Stewardship

EMMANUEL GOLF CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

June 17, 2025 8 AM Shotgun Start Presented by Keller Construction Ltd.

The Ranch Golf & Country Club 9574 Pinchbeck Road Acheson

Registration form and more information: esls.ca/ourcommunity/golftournament

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We are Accredited!

Our Accreditation Audit took place in October 2024. We had auditors from Accreditation Canada here for 2 full days checking every aspect of our operation from health care to food services... & we passed with flying colours! Accreditation inspires people to make positive change that improves the quality of health & social services. Accreditation Canada has a set of standards that organizations are challenged to meet. These standards are created from global evidence-based assessments on quality improvement solutions. Some examples of meeting these standards are: · Ensuring our Emergency Response Plan is thorough & robust. · Residents are included in providing feedback about what we offer for food in our dining room. · Medication Administration & other Healthcare Services are provided in a safe manner. Why should we be Accredited? Our mission is to offer seniors a Christian environment that is safe & comfortable so they can live in dignity. To fulfill this mission, Emmanuel Home strives to meet & exceed quality services for our residents. We take this seriously & Accreditation is one of the industry recognized methods that keeps us sharp & diligent in our services.

Thanks to all Board members, community partners, staff, residents & volunteers who came together to help us prepare for & during the Accreditation process. The Accreditation auditors were most impressed by our longstanding history & community support!

Christmas, 2024

Emmanuel Home hosted their Christmas dinner with festive meals and carols.





Easter, 2025 Emmanuel Home celebrated their Easter dinner, filled with delicious food and lovely hymns.









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