

## Expansion Plans Generate Interest

The Christian Senior Citizens Homes Society of Northern Alberta revealed details of its next proposed expansion at an Open House event on February 25, 2017. Over 200 society members and other interested people packed the fellowship hall at Trinity CRC to peruse proposed suite designs and architectural renderings.

Board members, design and construction experts and Emmanuel Home's executive director, Darren Sinke, were on hand to answer questions and discuss options and suggestions with the many interested individuals who came out. Feedback forms were provided to the participants to assist the Board of Directors in its ongoing plans for this project. Stay tuned for more information!



Bus driver, Clarence Toornstra awaits the arrival of residents for a trip to the local mall

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Annual General Meeting  
Thursday, May 18, 2017  
7:30 p.m. Trinity CRC  
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# Message from the Executive Director



We are grateful to God for the blessings received by Emmanuel Home and its more than 150 residents this past year. As a board and staff, we are all committed to making each resident feel comfortable and safe in their home. We continue to improve our programs and services to meet their physical, social, and spiritual needs.

As you have read elsewhere in this newsletter, we recently held an Open House to discuss the Emmanuel Home expansion concept, and were once again astounded by the response. Over 200 people took time out of their Saturday afternoon to come share in and learn about the latest happenings at Emmanuel Home!

Whatever the topic of discussion is, the abundance of interest and support for the Society continues to motivate us to seek the Lord's will in providing quality seniors housing for our Christian community.

Communication and updates about the latest Society news will be distributed primarily through our active membership. Be sure to keep your Society membership active for 2017, and stay connected to the good work that is being done! Sincerely,

*Darren Sinke*

## Meet New Residents

### **Bob & Ina Vandermaas**

Bob and Ina Vandermaas began volunteering at Emmanuel Home more than 20 years ago. Ina and her sister-in-law did a lot of the baking, and helped serve Christmas dinners to the residents. Bob played games with the residents, helped at the bazaar and drove the residents around for their weekly shopping!



Now it was their turn to move into Emmanuel Home. They were somewhat apprehensive about this change in their lives, however after being on the waitlist for a few years, a suite became available. Just thinking about the move was very stressful! Where will we put all our things?

Once they actually moved in, placed their furniture and purchased a few new things, it began to feel like their home! Right from the first night they slept well.

At first, it felt very strange walking the hallways. "Why are we here?" Ina would ask. Then when she entered her suite, she knew...this is home!

"Every night I prayed to God and thanked him for bringing us here. This is the best place for us to be. We love it here." Ina proudly shows off all their precious things that help to make her feel at home. "This is our home" she says, with a smile on her face.

Bob still continues to volunteer at Emmanuel Home, and they regularly visit and have coffee with the other residents.

## **Christian Senior Citizens Homes Society of Northern Alberta**

### **Annual General Meeting Notice**

Thursday, May 18, 2017, 7:30 p.m.  
Trinity CRC, 13427 57 St, Edmonton

#### Items of Interest

- Board Introductions
- Report from the Executive Director
- Presentation of 2016 Financial Statements
- Budget 2017 Presentation
- Update on Proposed Expansion Project
- Election of New Board Members
- Appreciation of Retiring Board Members
- Staff Long Service Recognition

*Suite Designs and architectural renderings will be available for viewing.*

# ***Society Membership Supports Residents***

Have you considered becoming a member of the Christian Senior Citizens Homes Society of Northern Alberta?

In 2016, there were over 800 individuals who became new members or renewed their memberships in support of the residents who live in Emmanuel Home.

As a member of the Society, you are an important part of a supportive community, providing Christian independent and assisted living options for seniors in our province.

Your membership provides you with the opportunity to give input on many significant issues including 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 all the latest happenings 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 780.822.1271 or [cbenoit@emmanuelhome.ab.ca](mailto:cbenoit@emmanuelhome.ab.ca). You can also renew your membership online at <http://emmanuelhome.ab.ca/invest/society.html>.



## ***Are You Considering a Move?***

Emmanuel Home's waitlist continues to grow with more than 80 individuals committed. If you are considering a move to an active and supportive Christian seniors' community, contact us for more information. We would be pleased to offer you a tour and to discuss your needs and interests. Don't delay! The sooner you are on the wait list, the better your position will be to consider a suite in the new addition! For more information or to book a tour, contact Sonja at [sonja@emmanuelhome.ab.ca](mailto:sonja@emmanuelhome.ab.ca), or 780.422.3122 .



## ***West End Site Discussion***

The vision to expand the Society's services to a site in the West End is alive and well. However, there is only so much progress that can be made until an appropriate property is acquired.

A committee is exploring sites that could be available and would meet our needs, but at this time we do not have a viable option identified. We are certainly looking to our supporting community to help make this vision a reality. If you, or someone you know, can assist in this project, please contact Darren Sinke at 780.478.2051 or [dsinke@emmanuelhome.ab.ca](mailto:dsinke@emmanuelhome.ab.ca).



### ***2016-2017 Board of Directors***

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## ***Gifts Gratefully Received***

### ***from local area churches in 2016***

Covenant Christian Reformed Church  
Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church  
Emmanuel Community Reformed Church  
Fellowship Christian Reformed Church  
First Protestant Reformed Church of Edmonton  
Hope Christian Reformed Church (Stony Plain)  
Immanuel Protestant Reformed Church of Lacombe  
Inglewood Christian Reformed Church  
La Glace Christian Reformed Church  
Maranatha Christian Reformed Church  
Providence Canadian Reformed Church  
Trinity Christian Reformed Church



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

Peter Goutbeck  
Case Van Andel  
Jake Vandervelde  
Lawrence Boon  
Johanna Niemantsverdriet

***Emmanuel Home's Christmas Bazaar and Gift Sale*** was a huge success! A big *Thank You* to all who came out on November 26, to support our residents. You also supported our vendors and silent auction donors, and enjoyed the sought after *Dutch* cuisine! Your participation helped to raise **\$7,320.00** to enhance recreation activities which are appreciated by all residents. Mark your calendars for this year's sale on **November 25, 2017**. For more information contact Aria at 780.822.1274, or email [aria@emmanuelhome.ab.ca](mailto:aria@emmanuelhome.ab.ca).



Support residents at Emmanuel Home! Make a donation at <http://emmanuelhome.ab.ca/invest/charitable.html>  
Join our Monthly Donors. Sign up online or call 780.882.1271 to set up your monthly giving today!

## ***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.ab.ca](mailto:jbeck@emmanuelhome.ab.ca) for kitchen and housekeeping positions, or,

**Donna Callahan**, [dcallahan@emmanuelhome.ab.ca](mailto:dcallahan@emmanuelhome.ab.ca) for Health Care Aide/Licensed Practical Nurse positions. For more information call 780.478.2051.

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