

## *West End Project Update!*



The Society is getting closer to bringing a Christian seniors' housing operation to the Inglewood neighbourhood! With all the moving pieces heading in the right direction, the plan is to put a shovel in the ground sometime this summer!

Over the past 12 months, the Building Committee has been hard at work in bringing this project closer to a reality. The committee, along with a full design team consisting of engineers, architect, and a general contractor, has been working through many concepts and ideas and is close to finalizing the development.

Phase 1 will include 101 suites, a dining room, generous common areas, and a beautifully landscaped property. The suites will be a mix of 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom options, fully self-contained, and have independent balconies. We are excited to show you the final designs very soon.

The waitlist is open! We continue to have inquiries and applications to be on the waitlist, and the list has over 40 applicants already! Applicants must have an active Society membership (paid annual dues and signed Statement of Faith) and pay a \$500 deposit to hold their place on the list. Once a firm construction schedule is established and the shovels are in the ground, we will be communicating with the people on the waitlist directly with the next steps for planning!

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## Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Greetings from Emmanuel Home!

Thank you for taking the time to hear about what the Society is up to! Needless to say, we've had quite the year. COVID-19 has forced us to adapt in a way that no one would have ever guessed, and it has certainly taken a toll. The distance and restrictions have created space in relationships that is difficult to manage, and the limitations on activities and social events has made it harder for our seniors to connect with friends and loved ones.

Despite the challenges, though, there is still so much to be thankful for. The Lord has sustained us throughout, and the hope we all share is above and beyond any of the earthly unrest and difficulty. That hope is also what makes a place like Emmanuel Home so special! I have seen, firsthand, the tight fabric of our community be a driving force behind volunteers stepping in, staff stepping up, and residents caring for each other in so many ways.

As we move into a new season of warm weather, I want to thank you all for your continued support. Thank you for being part of the Emmanuel Home community!

Darren Sinke, CEO



*Darren Sinke*

## Resident Spiritual & Emotional Support Initiative



*All funds raised will directly go to the following:*

- *Development of a Society Chaplaincy role.*
- *Provide resources to support the enhancement of a focused volunteer program to address the mental health challenges that have been highlighted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

## Help Us Name the West End Project!

As we get closer to putting a shovel in the ground for the Society's new development in the Inglewood neighborhood, there is one very important detail outstanding...we need a name! Both this new development and Emmanuel Home will be operated by the same Society and governed by the same community. However, the new site will certainly have its own unique character and community of residents, and we need a name!

There is one major point of emphasis to remember as we decide on a name: it must highlight our Christian foundation and motivation as we seek to provide a faith-based community for seniors!

We welcome any and all suggestions! Even if it isn't an actual name, please feel free to submit any thoughts on what to keep in mind when deciding on the name. You can reach out to Darren Sinke ([dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca) or 780-478-2051) with your suggestions and feedback anytime before June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will share a summary of the feedback and a final decision on the name later in June!



**Christian Senior Citizens Homes  
Society of Northern Alberta**  
**Virtual  
Annual General Meeting**

Mark Your Calendars!

The 2021 AGM has been scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>! We will hold the AGM virtually and will communicate details in mid-May about how you can participate via online or telephone.

Stay tuned for more information on Board nominees, important details about the Society's growth and development, and reflections on the past year.

*Don't forget to renew your Society memberships!*

<https://emmanuelhome.ca/involved/society>



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The following individuals were remembered with Memorial Gifts :

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| Bert Bok         | Corrie VanBoom |
| Dick Cook        | John DePee     |
| Joanne Tolsma    | Henk Rosendal  |
| Case Van Anandel | Hank Woelinga  |
| Jennie Kuipers   | Jake Holzmann  |
| Case VanAnandel  | Jennie Kuipers |

**Emmanuel Home's New Café  
The Northern Perk**



We are excited that residents can enjoy some yummy treats and good eats at the Northern Perk this year! We also have high hopes that family and friends can join in soon, too. We can't wait for the day when a musician can serenade loved ones visiting Grandma, or Opa, eating at the Café, enjoying time well-spent.

## Volunteer Appreciation

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." – Elizabeth Andrew*

Emmanuel Home was blessed when two friends and former co-workers decided to become volunteer librarians. This partnership began 26 years ago and because of them (among many other volunteers) we



continue to be bountifully blessed. These women have spent many a Monday cataloging, managing inventory, putting new books on the shelves and taking old books off the shelves. Our library is something that is truly enjoyed by so many of our residents. Though the work of Betty Holzman and Helen Lenten is not so visible, it is a gift from their hearts that is appreciated by many of the residents here at Emmanuel Home. It is evident that these women take pride in their "workspace", decorating for seasons and making it a homey "gezellig" space.

**Thank you, Betty and Helen!**



Join our Volunteer team and support the residents at  
Emmanuel Home!

We have many opportunities available! Whether you can commit to a few hours at a time or a few months at a time, we encourage you to get involved.

For more information contact Laura Pothoven,

volunteer@emmanuelhome.ca or visit our website at [emmanuelhome.ca/involved/volunteer](http://emmanuelhome.ca/involved/volunteer)



**Donations gratefully received from local area churches**

**Oct 2019 - Mar 2021:**

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Leduc Ebenezer CRC  
Emmanuel Community Reformed Church  
Fellowship CRC  
First CRC  
Edmonton Inglewood CRC  
La Glace CRC  
Edmonton Maranatha CRC  
Edmonton Trinity CRC  
First PRC Edmonton  
St. Albert CRC

*Are you considering a move to Emmanuel Home?*

*For more information contact*

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*Help us go green!! Call 780.882.1271 or email [lpothoven@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:lpothoven@emmanuelhome.ca) to update your subscription information or to change your delivery preference to electronic mail. Thank you for your continued support of Emmanuel Home.*

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