



AGING WITH GRACE

Grace...It is a gift from God | Ephesians 2:8

SENIOR HOUSING IN CENTRAL ALBERTA

VISION STATEMENT: To establish a not for profit organization based on Christian values, providing a caring community for seniors by respecting their needs with dignity and compassion.

A LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

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Valentine's Day - A day to express gratitude and appreciation for the loved ones in your life. To celebrate, exchange gifts, such as flowers, chocolates, or jewelry, to show your love and appreciation.

Valentine's Day's origins are unclear, but it's thought to have originated from the Roman festival of Lupercalia and the Christian feast day of a martyr named Valentine.

Roman festival of Lupercalia

A festival held in mid-February that marked the start of spring.

Christian feast day of St. Valentine

May have been named after a priest who was martyred around 270 AD by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus.



"If the sun refused to shine, I would still be loving you.

When mountains crumble to the sea, there will still be you and me."

—Led Zeppelin, "Thank You"

If I had a flower for every time I thought of you I could walk through my garden forever."

Lord Alfred Tennyson

"Love is a two-way street - constantly under construction." —Carroll Bryant

If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate."

Nikka - age 6 (we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)



More than 250 million roses are produced for Valentine's Day, according to the [Society of American Florists](#)—with red roses making up nearly two-thirds of that number.

My command is this; Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. John 15:12,13



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CHARIS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWS

We advertise Charis Village as a place where you can live in community. A community that cares for one another. A community where you will find support through all the stages of life. We have seen an amazing example of that and would like to share it with you. One of our residents became ill with the respiratory virus and was unable to take her dog out. A neighbor came each morning at 6 or shortly after, to let the dog out and he came regularly through the day to help out. Once she was well again, he came and installed a small fence around the patio so the dog can just go out the door and come back in. Especially in the cold and when her owner is not up to going out. Now, this very same good-hearted neighbor has fallen and broken his hip and we see others stepping up to take his dog for regular walks. This is community. Watching out for each other and stepping into the gap to fill a need. Thanks to our residents who are living up the name “Charis” and fulfilling our mission by helping each other as they seek to “Age with Grace”.



Our regular socials are always so much fun. Good food to eat. Good visiting. Fun and laughter. We just had a valentine’s social and in April we are planning a soup and bun lunch. Watch for details.

Availability is limited! 2 half duplexes left for lease - both are 2 car garage units. 1422 sq ft on the main floor and in the fully developed basement. In floor heating downstairs. Lots of room for family to come and visit. We also have the 1 duplex unit with a 5 foot crawl space rather than a full basement. Excellent storage or play space for the grandkids. 4 units left in Chinook Villa. Don’t wait too long and lose out on being in the village.

Phase 2 development is beginning. Subdivision plans, land development plans, road work, utilities - all leading to the construction of 4 more duplex buildings giving us 8 duplex units. It will be a busy construction season but we are excited to see the work go forward. Another opportunity to come join us. If you are interested in signing up for a duplex that will be ready in the summer of 2026, come see Anita in the office.



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MISSION STATEMENT

To facilitate, finance, develop and build a village of care where seniors may

Age with Grace

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