



AGING WITH GRACE

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

SENIORS' 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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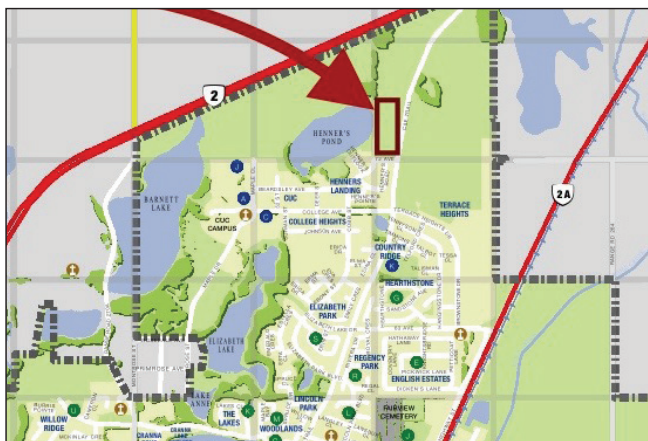
CHARIS MASTER SITE PLAN... A WORK IN PROGRESS

CHARIS VILLAGE'S PURPOSE IS...

To facilitate, finance, develop and build a Seniors' "village of care" in Central Alberta. Charis (pronounced **Kar** is) means "grace" and we envision a community where seniors may "age with grace" in a residence where their social, spiritual, physical and emotional needs are addressed.

Driven by continued strong and growing interest, we hope to provide a model which offers residents community, companionship, independence and as our development progresses and care needs change, opportunities for assisted care in a beautiful Central Alberta setting.

OUR LOCATION IN LACOMBE



MASTER SITE PLAN

The Master Site Plan remains a work in progress. Located on the east side of Henner's Pond, Charis Village will be designed to offer an integrated housing model, incorporating duplex/semi detached homes which we will be referring to as 'garden homes', condominium suites and eventually assisted living units and a full care facility.

The Charis Board has confirmed the appointment of OCA as our Architect. The Charis Concept Design Committee has met with Igor Nardin, Architect with OCA and the exciting process of developing the Site Plan for Phase 1, south of Herr Promenade, is well underway.



Inside the Garrison Crossing Sales Office, gathering information and ideas.



Concept Design Committee members touring the Sales Office at Garrison Crossing, a seniors' village in Chilliwack.



Marten Van Huizen and Charis Board members tour Elim Village, Surrey, B.C.

A key component to every development is to communicate with those who share our vision. We are thankful for the growing interest and support shown throughout this huge endeavour. We are also encouraged by the progress that has been made since our last newsletter:

- Ongoing assistance from our consultant, Marten VanHuizen
- Shifting of site location to the south, adjacent to existing development in the City of Lacombe.
- Progress toward purchase of this land site from Burman University.
- Ongoing participation and communication with the Charis Village Housing Limited Partnership -- the financial partners who will provide the funds to close the land purchase.
- Interviews and selection of OCA as official Architect for Charis.
- Meeting with Igor Nardin, OCA Architect and reviewing iterations of site plans
- Positive and productive meeting with City of Lacombe acting CAO, Matt Goudy and other City employees from the engineering, planning & development departments.
- Open House held for the Henner Heights Outline Plan (HHOP), of which the Charis Site Plan is an integral part. There was significant support for the Charis Village at the Open House on Feb.16, 2017.
- The process for the HHOP, including the Charis development, will continue through the subsequent steps of approvals, public hearings, rezoning and subdivision approval.
- Ongoing engineering reports, traffic impact reports, environmental studies and geotechnical reports.
- Concept Design Planning Committee continues to visit and research other seniors' facilities and are recording the unique features, amenities and enhancements to be considered for incorporation into the design of Charis.
- Your ideas are important to us! Please share them with one of the Board members as we strive to create an attractive, cohesive, aesthetically appealing and functionally appropriate place to "age with grace".

FINANCING THE VISION

We are hopeful that the broader Christian community will embrace this project as we will need the support of many to make this vision a reality. As the Charis Village Board, we feel strongly that the Lord is guiding us and we ask for your prayers and financial support as we continue to move forward.

Please email us at...

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to receive future newsletters and updates!

CHARIS BOARD MEMBERS

We are eager to share our vision and are willing to meet with Church groups, families or individuals. To request a visit or for more information, please contact one of the Charis Board members:

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