



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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The Board and staff of Charis Village would like to wish everyone a

BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It only takes a spark- and a lot of prayerful diligence . The spark for the vision of Charis began on a prayer walk in 2008. A heartfelt prayer that arose when an aging loved one was not able to find an appropriate place to live.

On that prayer walk, a vision began to form of a place where seniors could thrive in the later years of their life. What would it look like if people who shared the same vision would come together and initiate a project to build a village of care for seniors?

That prayer may have been a small spark for the vision, but over the span of years, in many different ways, people have contributed their imagination, hope, time, energy, finances and expertise with passion and a sense of calling. The creative building of Charis has been the result of the prayers and diligent efforts of many!

Was it easy? Not at all. Many times board members, after yet another closed door, another obstacle, asked each other do we carry on? Years of planning and financial constraints presented challenges which seemed endless. But we persevered. When our spirits were lagging, the Holy Spirit would inspire and bring just the right people into the expanding circle of our efforts.

As we enter the 15th year of developing Charis, we gratefully thank the residents, staff, volunteers and supporters who continue to walk with us as the vision unfolds. Your encouragement is deeply appreciated. Moving forward, the next phase of supportive living and long term care feels even more timely and urgent. And so we continue to move into new challenges for Charis Village- a place of compassion and care, friendship and flourishing, laughter and love. A place of " aging with grace" .

Thanks be to God, who began a good work and will see it through to completion.

Pauline Prins was presented the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal by Minister Ron Orr for her involvement with Charis Village Housing Society. Our congratulations go out to Pauline.



OUR CHARIS VILLAGE COMMUNITY

The Silver Cross mother for 2022-2023 is our resident at Charis Village, Candy Greff. A Silver Cross Mother acts on behalf of all Canadian mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the line of service, be it in action or over the course of normal duty.

Candy and her husband Greg lost their son Master Corporal Byron Greff on October 29, 2011. Byron was killed by a suicide bomber in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was the last of 158 Canadian soldiers killed in the Afghanistan war. Canada ceased its combat operation in 2011 and was transitioning to a training mission when Byron died. He was part of 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry. Byron left behind his parents, siblings, wife and two young children.

Candy and her husband travelled to Ottawa where Candy laid a wreath during the Remembrance Day ceremony at the National War Memorial. The Royal Canadian Legion receives nominations for the National Silver Cross Mother role from Provincial Commands and individual Canadians each year. We remembered Byron during our Remembrance Day social at Charis Village.



FINANCING THE VISION OF CHARIS VILLAGE

Charis Village is offering their supporters 2 year promissory notes for loans of \$50,000 or greater at a rate of 4% per annum with interest paid annually. If you wish to extend a loan or require a different length of term or need more information, please email Peter Zuidhof at info@charisvillage.ca or text Peter Zuidhof at 403-318-1693.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Office will be closed from
December 24, 2022—
January 2, 2023. Tours by
appointment only. Please
phone 403-506-0051

REDUCED RENT FOR ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT PLUS DEN IN CHINOOK VILLA

The Charis Village Housing Foundation is encouraging couples/individuals who have spent the majority of their working careers in missionary work or pastoral work to apply for Financial Assistance, if they share the vision of Charis Village and would like to join the Charis community but do not have the financial resources. Stop at the Charis Village office to ask for an Application for Financial Assistance form or phone or email the office for more information.

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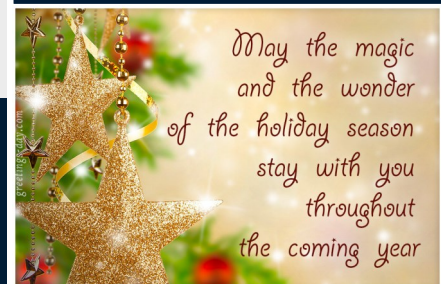
*To facilitate, finance, develop and build
a village of care where seniors may*

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SALES OFFICE HOURS: 10:00—12:00 pm and 1:00—5:00 pm Monday-Friday

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