



## 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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*Ephesians 2: 8,9 For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.*



### Why was the name "Charis" chosen for this Village of Care?

On April 17, 2009 at a seniors' housing ideas meeting in the Siding 12 PJB boardroom in Lacombe, a group of people who would later form the Board, held a workshop to decide on a name. Suggestions were freely shared but none were generally accepted until Bill Wildeboer (now deceased) mentioned that he had a grandniece named Charis which means grace. His suggestion was followed by silence and then excitement as all those around the board table agreed that Charis, grace, encapsulated the vision of a faith based, not for profit, caring and compassionate community for seniors.

Charis.

Aging with grace.

The apostles Peter and Paul closed many of their letters with a blessing to the people to whom they were writing. "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" ( Peter 3: 18) To live under the blessing of God - to have such words spoken over us is among the finest things we will ever experience. Grace to you and peace... A blessing, a sign of God's abiding love for us, a reminder that grace carries us, escorts us, guides us. Grace keeps our hearts and hopes renewed and helps us to continue to lead generous lives of self giving as we also extend grace to others. All that we have and are comes from God and belongs to God. Therefore we are blessed when all that we do is done in dedication and thanksgiving to Him. So as FB Meyer, wrote in his song, " 'Twas grace that brought us safe this far, and grace will lead us home" Let's take time during this Easter season when we remember the greatest act of grace in all of time, to truly receive these words of grace and love from God the Father, the gracious Son Jesus Christ and the comforting Holy Spirit.

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### Meet Gerry and Rita Leiske

Gerry and Rita Leiske met at the Canadian Union College, now Burman University, in 1959, where they began their music careers. They were married in 1962 and lived at their farm in Beiseker, Alberta for the first few years of their marriage. They toured in a gospel singing group, Heritage Singers, that Gerry, Les Berreth and Max Mace formed in 1971. Gerry and Rita started two coffee shops in White Rock, BC, called Molly's Soup and San Shop. Gerry went on to manage two country music bands, Farmer's Daughter and Emerson Drive as well as a number of solo artists. Gerry and Rita lived in Nashville, TN for 16 years. It came time to come back to Canada to retire and amazingly they found a lovely apartment in Charis Village, near the school where they first met in 1959. They are happy to have come full circle and are pleased to be surrounded by many friends and neighbors.



Gerry and Rita performing during our Valentine's social.



We are thrilled that Gerry and Rita are part of our Charis Village community. They both have a gift for music and we get to enjoy their entertainment during our social get togethers. Thank you Gerry and Rita.



Duplex 1 and 2 will be done construction by the end of April, beginning of May. These duplex units have no basement. The one car garage unit is 1261 square feet and the oversized 1 car garage unit is 1442 square feet. Both units have 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, all on 1 floor. These are still available for life lease. For more info contact the office at 403-506-0051.

### TO HAVE THE FAITH OF A CHILD

A grandfather was walking through his yard and heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained: I am praying, but can't think of exactly the right words, so I am just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me because He knows what I am thinking.

### 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](mailto:info@charisvillage.ca) or text Peter Zuidhof at 403-318-1693.

### CHARIS VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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

***Age with Grace***

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

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