



AGING WITH GRACE

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

SENIOR HOUSING IN CENTRAL ALBERTA

VISION STATEMENT: To develop, support and operate a not-for-profit seniors housing and care community rooted in Christian values where needs are addressed with respect, dignity and compassion.

A LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

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Christmas is a time of hope, joy and gratitude. A time to pause from our regular schedules and commitments and reflect on the blessings in our lives. Our faith teaches us that the Christmas story is one of boundless love with the miraculous birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the true reason for our season of celebration.

In this special time of year, the Charis Board members would like to extend our warmest greetings to you and your loved ones. We are thankful for Charis Village and the caring, compassionate community that you have developed in real and concrete ways. May we as Board members and Charis community, carry the spirit of love and peace into 2026 as God's presence guides us through each day and fills us with wonder and joy.



We are so blessed to have good friends to help with the decorating. Thanks to Kellie Berg who put together the beautiful out door planters and Brandi Pieper who sets up the magnificent tree in the foyer each year.

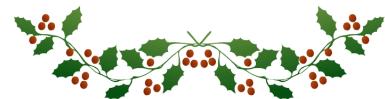
Please take note of our Christmas office hours. We will be open on December 22 & 23, then closed until Monday, January 5th. We will be checking messages but tours will be by appointment only during these two weeks.

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As 2025 draws to a close we want to take a moment to recognize all those who joined our village this year. 17 new residents moved into Charis Village during 2025. Welcome once more to Bill & Anita Holmes, Huibert & Bertha De Boon, Terry White, Jerome & Sandra Burke, Yvonne Hayden, Neil & Trudy Lauzon, Ruth Irrgang, Dan & Bonnie McLaren, Sid & Ann Wombold, Ann Wedlund and also Marilyn Kandt. Randy and Marilyn were married on June 14 and we welcome Marilyn to our community.



Each year we have to say goodbye as well. We said our final goodbye to Lorne Barnes, Alfred Jung and Henk Wikkerink. Each one of these gentle residents are missed. We pray that their families find strength, comfort and peace as they celebrate this first Christmas without their loved one. Lesley Tomporowski also moved to a new home closer to her family. We pray that she is happy and well in her new home.



This fall the Care & Culture Committee engaged *All Sports Cresting* of Lacombe to put the Charis logo on a zipped hoody, a spring jacket or a toque which residents, staff and board members could order. Each item looks so sharp.



**Merry Christmas from
Anita, Brian & Christiane**

January 19th we will have our first of what will be regular hearing aid clinics. Hear Right Canada will be in the back office in unit 109 from 1 - 3 pm. You can come in and sign up for a hearing aid clean and check. The sign up sheet is in the office.

 **hear right canada**
Quality Hearing Care for Less



Passing the time and having some fun. Lots of puzzles to choose from in the foyer. And, someone is making the front yard look fun.



Lot 6 development continues at Charis Village. By the end of the year, all utilities and permits should be in place. This means that as soon as weather permits in the Spring, we will begin the construction of the last four duplex buildings. 4 of the 8 duplex units are already conditionally leased. If you are thinking that next fall would be a good time to downsize, and you are considering a duplex in the village, now is the time to come see Anita in the office - unit 109 in Chinook Villa.



On Friday, December 12th we had our annual Christmas Social. So much fun was had playing games, singing, visiting, and sharing some snacks. Merry Christmas to each and every one of our residents. Thanks for coming and participating. Thanks to the social committee for putting on such a fun afternoon.



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

No one needed to go away hungry.
This was only one table of three!



These ladies had great fun playing, though another table won ALL the prizes!

Nil & Trudy are always up for some fun

CHARIS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWS

On November 21, we hosted our first Christmas Market. Both residents and members of the community were represented with tables for crafts, jewelry, baking, Gull Lake Honey, Pampered Chef, artwork and so much more. Thanks to all who took part and to those who came. It was a great success. We look forward to doing it again. People are already calling, wondering if they can sign up for next year! Thanks to Norma Hagglund for organizing a great event.



A great way to show Charis Village to the larger community



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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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