



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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We have begun! We are eagerly watching as construction begins on the final duplexes. The rafters are going up on duplex 17 & 18 and work is progressing nicely on the basement of 19 & 20. A busy time again at Charis Village. The construction is all at the north end of the street of duplexes this time so not as much traffic and noise on the front street. All construction vehicles come onto the sight through the North entrance. That is truly appreciated as the mud and mess is not tracked all through the village streets. Pictures are being snapped by the neighbors through the whole process documenting the progress. Stay tuned for updates.



We still have a larger duplex that is move-in ready. This duplex is 1422 sq ft on both the main floor and in the fully developed basement. Three key features are main floor laundry, a large walk-in pantry and a good sized office. The basement has two large bedrooms for guests and plenty of space for family to enjoy time together. Air conditioning throughout and in floor heating in the basement make it a comfortable space year-round.

In Chinook Villa, unit 109 which is currently being used as the office, will be available for lease later this summer. This unit - 1234 sq ft - is wheel chair accessible with two bedrooms and two bathrooms as well as a small office space. It is on the main floor with easy access to the outside.

If you are considering a move this fall, we encourage you to connect with us soon to explore your options.



The Trade show was a busy weekend with many volunteers manning the booth and interacting with those who stopped to see what is happening at Charis Village. We were excited to talk about the future of Charis Village with all who were interested.

Julie was one of the lucky winners of our \$100 grocery vouchers that were given away.



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CHARIS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWS

The first week of June marks Seniors' Week, and planning is underway. We will focus on Health & Wellness with local businesses sharing resources specifically for seniors. Some of the services that will be highlighted are Pain Management with Lisa Vornbrock from Age Gracefully. Footcare and skincare with Taryn of Foot and Toe on the Go. Home Instead will be there as well as Hear Right Canada. FCSS will also be there with information on all the services that they offer. These are just a few of those who will be coming with information. Mark your calendar. June 2 from 11 - 4. This will be an Open House event so we look forward to showing Charis Village to the community as well. Everyone is welcome.

We are hoping to have a Charis Village community garage sale if there is enough interest. June 19th is the planned date. More details to follow.

"The glory of the elderly is their insight, their knowledge, and their wisdom." –

Lailah Gifty Akita



Mr. Lew Fleck is our most senior resident at Charis Village. He is 94 and has lived in Chinook Villa for just over 2 years. Many people know Lew as a farmer from the Tees area or as the owner of his roto-tilling, land clearing business. In between his farming years and the land clearing business he trained horses at his place on the Spruceview road. Lew and his wife Marlene came and looked at the units in Chinook Villa with Warren Kay a number of years ago, but they weren't quite ready. Once Marlene moved into Royal Oak, Lew knew that he did not want to live alone so he came again to Charis Village. Timing is everything. A unit was becoming available within a few weeks. Lew needed to sell his house and Anita in the office knew someone who needed to buy a house. Deals were made and Lew was free to move into his new home here at Charis Village. He will freely say to anyone who will listen that this is the best thing he ever did. He is well looked after. The staff is great. He is safe and has a wonderful home. Lew is not used to sitting still though. He is always looking for ways to serve and be helpful. Need a hand with something? Need a ride? Lew is more than willing. Staff and residents are amazed at how Lew runs around. He does a little car maintenance down in the garage. He parks exactly in place every time, keeping his parking spot in perfect order. It is always a pleasure to visit with Lew as he tells stories about his working years and shares memories that tell of all the blessings in his life.

"I'm not getting older, I'm just becoming a classic." – Unknown

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MISSION STATEMENT

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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