



BETHANY RIVERVIEW

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CREATE A NEW MODEL FOR SENIORS' CARE IN CALGARY.

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Everyone wants to live independently and in their own home – to age in place. That’s a wish we all share, for our parents and for ourselves, but sometimes health and safety concerns make that impossible.

While aging in place may not be possible for every single person, at Bethany Care Society we believe that aging in community is. That is why Bethany Riverview, our newest care centre, now under construction in SE Calgary, is such an important project for our community. Bethany Riverview will be part of an integrated campus of care, Riverview Village, that has been designed with aging in community in mind.

Bethany is an innovator and recognized leader in seniors’ care, and we’re particularly proud to be trusted as an expert provider of complex dementia care.

At Riverview Village, we’re taking a different approach to aging in community; one where housing, clinical care, social supports and community involvement all come together to meet the changing needs of people as they grow older. Our commitment to providing a full continuum of services to seniors will become even more evident in the Fall of 2018. That’s when Bethany Riverview will open and bring long-term care together with a highly specialized facility to families facing the challenging journey of dementia.



“When people ask me why I care so much about seniors and dementia care, I have to answer in two ways. As a daughter, I care because my beloved step-dad, who cared for me from the time I was ten, slowly slipped away from us because of his dementia. As a nurse and as CEO of Bethany, I care because I know we can do so much more to create communities where people get the right supports in the right place at the right time, as their needs change. But in order to do more, it takes a whole community of people who care, too. I hope you’ll join us as, together, we create a new kind of caring community at Riverview Village.”

Jennifer McCue, CHE
President & CEO
Bethany Care Society



Dementia is a growing concern in Canada and around the world. More than 700,000 Canadians live with dementia today. This includes over 13,000 Calgarians who are believed to be diagnosed and living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

While these numbers are significant, dementia also takes a major toll on family, friends and other informal caregivers. For each person diagnosed with dementia, it is estimated that another 10 to 12 individuals are directly impacted. Up to 75% of informal caregivers suffer psychological impacts such as depression and stress while supporting their loved one.

In 2015, the Government of Alberta recognized the growing concern around adequacy of long term care spaces and mandated that 2000 new beds be added to the provincial health care system. **Bethany was selected as a trusted partner to assist in meeting this need because of more than 70 years of experience and reliability as a care provider for all levels of seniors' care and our unique and proven expertise in complex dementia care.** This was the impetus for the development of Bethany Riverview, a new, purpose-built seniors' care residence that will have 210 private rooms, 120 of them designed specifically for complex dementia care.

Riverview Village is the home to our new care centre. Within its large 12-acre footprint, Riverview Village is a dynamic community that already includes three affordable independent-living buildings owned and operated by Bethany: Kanerva, Wilkinson and Mikkelsen House, home to 350 senior residents in total. The Riverview Village Block apartments are located on the southern boundary of the site and offer one and two-bedroom affordable suites in walk-up apartments for families and adults. St. Luke's Anglican church is on the northeast corner of the site. Riverview Village is situated in the community of Dover, overlooking the Bow River, and is close to bus routes, major highways and many amenities. Future plans for this site include the development of more affordable supportive living units.





Bill Rendell already makes his home at Riverview Village in one of our independent living complexes called Kanerva House. Bill, 83, moved to Riverview Village in the Fall of 2017 and he has already become part of a supportive social network – gathering with his new friends for coffee and a visit, checking out the shopping in the neighborhood with family and other visitors, and looking forward to helping with planting vegetables in the community garden in the Spring.

Bill has five daughters, two sons, 13 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild! Having ready access to skilled Bethany caregivers is important to the whole family. While Bill is in good health now, they are glad to know that if his needs change over time, Bethany’s support will change, too.



Bill and his daughter, Christine, a Rotarian and personal donor to the Rotary/Bethany Atrium Project, visited the Bethany Riverview construction site in the Fall of 2017

Bethany Riverview will cost \$66.6 million to build and is being funded through a combination of Alberta Health and Bethany Care Society contributions, capital debt financing and a \$5 million capital fundraising campaign.

Our fundraising campaign to provide quality of life enhancements and special features at Bethany Riverview is well underway with a \$1.5 million grant from The Calgary Foundation, a \$1 million commitment from Rotary Clubs of Calgary and donations from many generous Calgarians. There are a number of unique features and spaces, like the Rotary/Bethany Atrium, at Bethany Riverview that are being made possible through donor support.





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We're all going to be seniors one day... that's the hope. If we want to be in a community that will help meet our needs as we age, then we're going to have to be part of the solution before we're ready for it. That's what Bethany Riverview and the campus of care at Riverview Village is all about – it's about creating new ways of caring for each other.

Susan Healy
Chair
Bethany Care Foundation
and Bethany Riverview Donor

Dementia has touched the lives of my family and friends. I'm passionate about Rotary's partnership with Bethany because it's about more than just Rotary Clubs' financial contribution to the Atrium. It's about exploring the role we, as Rotarians and volunteers, can play in keeping the conversation about dementia and aging front and centre and becoming actively involved in supporting the wellbeing of seniors in our community.

Tony Knight
Chair
Rotary-Bethany Partnership
Committee and Bethany
Riverview Donor

Developing meaningful partnerships that address emerging needs is essential to building a healthy community. Calgary Foundation is honoured to support Bethany Riverview's innovative dementia-care centre that is a model for serving the complex and often challenging needs of residents and their families. With intent and compassion, Bethany's thoughtful design integrates the residence into the community and provides a continuum of care that allows Calgarians to age in community.

Eva Friesen,
President & CEO
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