

Elim Times

A newsletter for friends and supporters of Elim Village ~ a Christian campus-of-care community

CAMPUS OF CARE COMPLETE

With the opening of the Harrison – the new residential care building – Elim now offers a complete range of housing and care options for seniors.

HARRISON FEATURES

The Harrison will be divided into 8 neighbourhoods; each one will be home to 14~16 residents.

All areas have cozy corners for meeting with friends, joining activities or simply relaxing.

Each room has 15% window space. Warm air enters the room over the window to prevent drafts.

All neighborhoods have a small servery so food is served piping hot.

The grounds have two secured gardens and the upper floors have protected common area balconies.

by CEO Anthonie Jansen

In the early nineties, during a Bible study of the Book of James, a group of Christians were profoundly impacted by this principle: "Evidence of faith is demonstrated by good works." They had a vision to create a comprehensive Christian community, professionally managed, enriched with amenities, celebrating community, independence and the joy of life. Elim would be a village built on love, where spouses and friends need never worry again about being separated or having to move away if they required different levels of care.

The original vision is now fulfilled as we have just completed the construction of our newest residence ~ **The Harrison at Elim Village**. From independent living to "Independent Plus" (supportive and assisted living in the Emerald), we are now able to complete the campus of care as we introduce residential care, which will be home for 118 new residents in the near future. It will ensure that our spouses and friends will never have to move away from the community.

All Harrison staff members received extensive orientation and were well prepared to welcome residents. Pictured here from left to right: Sonya (care aide), Janet (care aide) and Kanwal (registered nurse)

The Harrison was built to provide residents with a comfortable home. Hallways are spacious, rooms are warm with large windows looking out into gardens which are secure, accessible and inviting. Lighting is bright and cheery, friends and family members are encouraged to visit. As well, there are visitor areas which allow residents to share stories, watch television or play games together. Residents will also be able to experience hairdressing services or therapy in designated rooms. A large multi-purpose room on the first floor may be used for celebrations or any number of gatherings.

The completion of the dream of a few strong believers in a vision for a campus of care was greatly blessed by God. It is our prayer that the care provided by our staff members may truly reflect His desire to love the people who make Elim Village their home.



HARRISON RESIDENTS CAN EXPECT A WARM WELCOME

An avid knitting group at the Emerald has temporarily switched its focus from knitting for charities to a project that will literally give a warm reception to Harrison residents. Members of the knitting group are clicking lap blankets and shoulder shawls.



Emerald residents themselves were welcomed with a big communal wall quilt from the village Quilting Club when they came to Elim. In turn, Emerald residents now want to do something for those moving into the Harrison. Already a pile of 16 knitted blankets and shawls wait to be distributed to new residents. The group plans to knit till they run out of yarn, which will be soon if they don't find more.

All that stitching and socializing every week has brought the members of the group closer together. It's exactly the kind of friendship they know that Harrison residents will also find at Elim.

Meanwhile, the blankets and shawls represent the warm sentiments of the current 400 residents of this community: welcome to Elim Village!

ADMINISTRATION OFFICES FINALLY FIND A PERMANENT HOME

Elim administrators are also settling into a new environment in the Harrison. The big white house, affectionately known as the "White House", which has functioned as the administration office for Elim Housing Society for the last three years, is now vacant.

After being bounced between five different on-site locations over the last nine years, Elim administrators have finally moved from makeshift into real offices. They have more space to store files. The photocopier will no longer be in the laundry room and archives will no longer be stored in a bedroom closet. A partial wing at the entrance to the Harrison is now the permanent location for the administration offices for Elim Housing Society, Elim Christian Care Society and the Elim Foundation.

Anyone who happens to be in the area is welcome to drop by and have a grand tour.



Veteran Elim administrator Gail Bowers had to pack up five times in nine years. Her office finally found a permanent home in the Harrison.

Elim Village, a Christian campus-of-care community, offers a variety of housing and care services in an atmosphere of love and respect. It is jointly operated by:

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