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Online Alberta Seniors Housing Directory

It is a well-known fact that finding a place to live that is well-suited to both a senior's needs and their desires is not always an easy task. Navigating the system is difficult, and it is difficult to know what's out there. However, the Alberta Seniors Communities & Housing Association (ASCHA) is offering a helpful solution.

ASCHA has launched their revamped Online Alberta Seniors Housing Directory, thanks to support from the Government of Alberta. Geared specifically towards seniors and their families, the directory will soon list virtually every seniors housing building in Alberta. Housing providers are encouraged to update their listings regularly, ensuring that all of the information on the website is accurate and up-to-date. Whether the user is looking for housing for themselves or for a loved one, the Online Alberta Seniors Housing Directory is THE source for information on seniors housing options - and it is free to use!

The directory went live on July 31 this year, and after only two months of operation there have already been more than 4,000 views. It currently contains listings for more than 700 buildings across Alberta - that's more than 75% of Alberta's seniors housing, with more being added daily. Users can search the site by location, amenity, lifestyle support or service to find the right fit for themselves or their loved one.

There has been a large demand for this kind of tool in Alberta. "We are getting something like thirty inquiries each week from the public asking for housing options, and we've never been able to direct them to one place," says Irene Martin-Lindsay, Executive Director of ASCHA. "SAGE and KERBY each have a piece of the puzzle, and the government has a piece of the puzzle, but there's never been one place where a senior can go to find information on all their housing options in Alberta. Our new directory fills this gap. We're excited to be able share this resource with our seniors."

The full spectrum of seniors housing is encompassed in the directory, from independent to supportive living. This makes it relevant to seniors who are simply looking to downsize from a home to an apartment, as well as seniors who need a few supports and services to live their lives to the fullest.

"Our goal here at ASCHA is that seniors are empowered to have choice and a life of purpose," says Mr. Raymond Swonek, CEO of GEF Seniors Housing and president of ASCHA. "We want our seniors to feel honoured, valued and respected, and this directory is one step along the way to achieving that goal."

The new Online Alberta Seniors Housing Directory can be found at www.housingdirectory.ascha.com.

About ASCHA

For over 50 years the Alberta Seniors Communities & Housing Association (ASCHA) has championed the seniors housing industry by supporting our members in creating and maintaining vibrant seniors housing for Albertans. ASCHA members provide housing to over 30,000 seniors across the province. This includes the full spectrum of seniors housing options (independent living, supportive living and designated supportive living) offered by all sectors (voluntary, public and private).

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