Seniors Housing

260 work experience
students from the U of A
NorQuest College and
MacEwan University

Choosing the next place for your
parent or grandparent to live.
Making a decision where to go
two happily ever after when you
realize you need to move;
Overall, Edmontonians face these decisions
with a degree of hope because of the choices offered by GEF Seniors Housing.

As GEF enters its 60th year of offering
its mission of being the leader
in friendly, affordable and secure
housing and services for seniors, 2018
marked two milestones.
Following five years of renovations
after a fire, Casa Gardens re-
opened in a grand celebration
on June 30. On November 1, GEF opened
the doors to the new homes of the
first Sakaw Terrace residents. This
carefully planned project utilized a
partnership method of construction
integrated project delivery. It was a
project that was completed on time,
under budget and with zero change
orders, a model of effectiveness that
precedes GEF for the next capital
project.

GEF’s reputation relies on the
caring and committed staff of 500
Edmontonians who care for 1600
residents creating a home-like
environment for each and every
resident. Once again, GEF was named
one of the Best Small and Medium
Employers in Canada.

GEF is committed to being at the
forefront of programming, ranging
from social and recreational supports
to increasing staff’s ability to
manage challenging behaviours.
Community Support Staff conducted
one-on-one consultations to identify
healthcare issues. Staff then connected
them to resources, services and offered
the supports needed to get through these
challenges.

The volunteer Board of Directors
contribute their expertise and
vision to make GEF a place to
call home. Thank you to the City
of Edmonton, Governments of
Alberta and Canada and thoughtful
individual and corporate donors for their continuing and needed
financial support.

Karen Lynch, Board Chair
GEF Seniors Housing

Testimonials

"I like my apartment. Everything is
lovely. It is beautiful. I like my
privacy, but I am never actually
alone. Before, I was living with
my daughter, but she was never
home. I was lonely."
— Former Lodge Resident

"Well, everything is 100% ok. There is
nothing to drink. The meals are great.
Everything is great."
— Current Lodge Resident

Quick Fact
Lodge residents consumed
more than 71,000 litres of milk,
147,000 eggs and
2,300,000 slices of bread!

GEF volunteers contributed
82,055 volunteer hours

GEF engaged
1,368 volunteers

2018 Community
Report

GEF
Community
Housing

3,607
Seniors living at
a GEF Community

343
Number of seniors
assisted by the four-
person Community
Support team

7 residents are 100
years of age or older

1,323
housing
applications
received

Quick Fact
One 11 year resident
turned 107 in October!

10 years
recognized as a BSME

360
employees

55 employees
worked with GEF
for 20 years or longer

Maintained
Workplace Safety COR
for 19 years

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"I met eight ladies who are all nice
and friendly. I think I am going to
enjoy this," says, Anna von Tresser

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Volunteerism

Intergenerational