



Newsletter

Fall 2017

THANKFUL

At a summer barbecue to celebrate Elgin Gardens' anniversary, one of the Residents shared a few words which made the meaning of Elgin in the Victoria area come alive for me. She said that before she moved into Elgin she was one step away from homelessness. You could hear a pin drop. This had been a very real situation for several Residents in the crowd. She described how she had lost her husband and as a result, she was on the verge of having no place to go. The contrast of living at Elgin was like a sunrise after the darkest night. Not only is she thankful to live at Elgin, she is thankful for the opportunity to be cared for and to care for other people. She is thankful for supportive community, which is where we believe living well occurs best. Elgin Gardens provided safety, security, comfort, and community... and continues to do so every day.

Marc Kinna | COO



ONCE UPON A TIME AT THE HEIGHTS

In June 2017 the Times Colonist showcased a unique phenomenon in Sidney, BC; a baby hawk was adopted by a mother eagle and raised alongside the eaglets.

Our Blashard Writers Guild, located at the Heights at Mt. View, followed the story and used it as a platform to write a children's story-book titled *The Unusual Case of Sasha Hawk*.

Our wonderful recreation aide Margaret Clinchy and our Residents have finished the book and now Baptist Housing Communities can share this interactive story at family celebrations and during the holidays.

A big thank you to Marg and to our fabulous writers whose teamwork made this story possible: Al, Anne, Bill, Carole, Constance, Dora Jack, Judy, Marion, Mary C., Mary J. Maureen, Merle, Ottmar, Pat, Rose & Rosemary. Our front cover was illustrated by Jack Plummer.

This book is based on a true story. To obtain a copy visit baptisthousing.org



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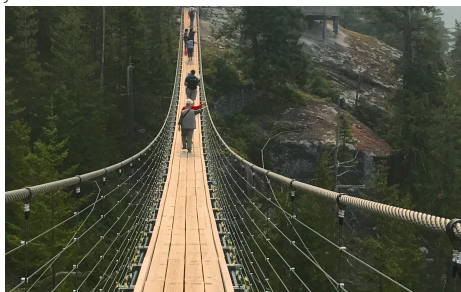
We're proud of the over 1100 Team Members who serve our Residents. Our people are the heart and soul of Baptist Housing. The care and compassion they show our seniors, family members and each other is nothing short of inspiring.



SEA TO SKY

This summer our Grandview Towers Team rode the Sea to Sky Gondola to view the amazing natural sights of Howe Sound.

Arrabelle Gonzales spearheaded the event expecting approximately 22 Residents but she had to rent a bigger bus with 40 Residents in attendance! This event could not have been a success without our wonderful Arrabelle, our chaplain Jay, our summer intern Lemuel, Von and our volunteers Gally and Angel; they assisted our Residents and made this trip possible. We are so grateful to our Team and Residents for reminding us that adventure is just around the corner.



FUN WITH FRIENDS

Harold lives at the Village at Smith Creek and he has not been to the dining room for a meal in months. Life has been challenging, between illness and looking after his wife, who has since passed.

He decided to make an entrance and surprise his fellow diners by dressing up as "Farmer Joe" and asked us to introduce him to his table mates as a new Resident that just moved in.

Everyone had a lot of fun meeting "Joe" and once revealed, were so happy to see Harold again! #funwithfriends



I LIKE WHERE I LIVE

I think I'll write a poem tonight
Of the place where I reside
When I think Hallmark on the Lake
My smile is very wide

It's home to a lot of great people
Nice people that are great to know
Many of whom you would call friend
No matter where you go

Our suites are nice & comfy
So easy to look after
And though there may come some sad times
They're often filled with laughter

The meals are also very nice
Lots of variety there
Our cook is young & pretty
Lots of talent there

It's nice to walk around our lake
It is just the right size
We really do enjoy it
Under sunny skies

So thanks to the owners & operators
They do a job that's great
So nice to live in the lovely spot
Where everything's first rate

Elspeth Fitzmaurice | Hallmark Resident

“
EVERY TIME YOU FIND
SOME HUMOR IN A DIFFICULT
SITUATION, YOU WIN.
”

PEANUTS