

North Glenora's Face is Taking Shape



Our latest affordable housing initiative is introducing solar energy and geothermal heating to our Westmount development. The development is being built in the heart of North Glenora, and will serve 16 families chosen in partnership with The Mennonite Center for Newcomers. The new buildings will incorporate environmentally responsible design, with solar energy as a major focus. These town homes will be Canada's very first net zero multi-family residential development of this size. Habitat Studio, a locally owned, award winning home builder, will be overseeing construction.

[We continue to involve the community in our progress with solar energy and sustainable housing development in North Glenora.](#)

*In February, we gave a tour of the project to group of builders taking a building science course sponsored by the Canadian Home Builders Association. Students attending the course were top-notch Alberta home-builders learning how to build net zero energy houses. The students were able to witness real world examples of the

exceptional energy efficiency required for net zero energy building. It was a perfect opportunity, with the church and the town homes in the framing stage where the solar panel development is currently exposed. *

-Peter Amerongen, Habitat Studio

[Mayor Don Iveson views the project as a pioneer for further infill policies](#)

On April 18th, Mayor Don Iveson celebrated the City of Edmonton's strides in achieving goals set out for the government's infill initiatives of 2017. The policies in place aim to bring youth and families into mature neighbourhoods, as there is a notable decline of children in Edmonton's oldest neighbourhoods. Our North Glenora development was highlighted as a pioneer for success in bringing children to the mature neighbourhood, with development of an on-site daycare center in progress. Coronation School expects to see an influx of 50 new students in September 2017, many of which the new development will contribute to. The project will be move-in ready for September/October, 2017.



Greetings from the Board

In May last year, we introduced you to our new name: Right at Home Housing Society. This name change represented two important shifts for our organization. First and foremost, it signified the planned merger between the Edmonton Inner City Housing Society and Intermet Housing Society. The amalgamation of these two dedicated not-for-profits will strengthened our ability to provide safe and affordable housing to a wide range of Edmontonians, and our capacity to build more new homes in the future.

A Letter to the Reader

Just as importantly, our new name also signified our vision for the future of our organization. What started as an initiative to provide housing to people living in poverty in Edmonton's core neighbourhoods has expanded to a city-wide movement to provide homes for a range of individuals and families unable to access market housing. We have recognized that having a range of housing options strengthens all communities, and we are excited to be

growing into new areas to provide safe and affordable homes in neighbourhoods across our city.

One thing that hasn't changed with our new name is our commitment to a positive living experience for our residents. We believe that a home is more than just a place to eat and sleep; it is a foundation for wellbeing and a sense of belonging. Being more than just a landlord, we continue to invest in supports and opportunities for our residents to help them thrive, and ensure that they always feel right at home.

Thank you for being part of the work we do, and we look forward to what comes next!

Anne Stevenson

Board Chair, Right at Home Housing Society



On June 27, 2017, at our AGM, Right at Home Housing officially amalgamated Edmonton Inner City Housing Society and Intermet Housing Society as a single entity.

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Right at Home Housing Tenant Speaks about the Benefits of Affordable Housing.



Zhanna came to Canada from Russia, with her husband who was living in Muldova, nine years ago, celebrating their ninth wedding anniversary on November 24 2016. Zhanna is a mother to five children, and has been thankful for affordable housing programs like the one Right at Home Housing Society offers. She has been a tenant with Right at Home Housing Society for four years.

We asked Zhanna to describe how affordable housing has been advantageous to her and her family:

“The price of rent has been the most appreciated for us. It allows us to provide more for our children. We are close to a very good school, and I can afford programs that help my children be successful. My daughter is in music lessons right now. We can live comfortably and breathe easier. With five children, it's important for us to have a vehicle, and that's something that would be difficult to have if we did not have lower rent. We feel safe in this neighbourhood as well.”

Supportive Roles Backed up By Grants

Right at Home Housing Society is grateful to have the support of our government and other institutions which align with our goals. Recently, we have received three contributions. One grant that will go towards enhancing employment opportunities for tenants, the others are helping build our operational and administrative capacity.



"Marketing and Finance Manager, Jillanne Bowler-Veltman Receives a Donation From The Royal Alexandra Hospital's Employee's Charitable Donation Fund"

Royal Alexandra Hospital's Employee's Charitable Donations Fund

The Employee's Charitable Donations Fund granted Right at Home Housing Society \$1000 on March 16, 2017. The funds will be used towards developing our social enterprise "Home Services" initiative that will enable several Right at Home tenants, an opportunity for permanent employment.

Community Initiatives Program

The Alberta Culture and Tourism Program granted Right at Home Housing Society a generous \$41,000 to help us permanently put in place the additional administrative supports we needed to grow and sustain our organization.

Edmonton Community Foundation

ECF generously donated a \$47,000 grant to purchase and implement leading property management software for not for profit housing providers. Electronic management of maintenance, waitlist and tenant database management, financial reporting, and outcome measurement will all be vastly improved in the years ahead.

Roast Beef Dinner Kicks off Inner City Awareness Week

Our 17th annual roast beef dinner took place on March 19th. Our efforts served over 1200 meals and 800 patrons at the start of Inner City Awareness Week. The dinner offers one hot meal that they don't need to worry about, and creates an atmosphere of acceptance and safety.

Mac & Cheese Luncheon a Success

Our 22nd annual Mac & Cheese Luncheon was a success on March 23rd. The event reinforced the purpose of Inner City Awareness Week: bringing to the forefront issues that cannot be overlooked in Edmonton's inner city.

The proceeds raised from ticket sales and donations at the Mac & Cheese Luncheon will be split among the organizations affiliated with ICAF. Additionally, these funds will go directly towards issues addressing poverty.

Right at Home Housing Society will use the money towards our own affordable housing initiatives.

