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## MINUTES

**SUBJECT:** Age-Friendly Advisory Committee

**MEETING DATE:** April 5, 2022 **TIME:** 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

**CHAIR:** Michelle Pauzé, Director Seniors Services, County of Simcoe

### ATTENDANCE:

Arfona Zwiers, Director, Social and Affordable Housing, County of Simcoe  
Åsa Klint Piggott, Manager, Performance, Quality & Development, County of Simcoe  
Barbara Knechtel, Midland Senior Council  
Catherine O'Connor, Hearing Care Counsellor, Canadian Hearing Services  
Christina Strong, Communications Coordinator, Independent Living Services Simcoe County  
County Councilor Anita Dubeau, Deputy Mayor, Town of Penetanguishene  
County Councilor Sandie Macdonald, Mayor, Town of Innisfil  
Dan Leonard, Service Coordinator & Community Navigator, Independent Living Services  
Deborah Dion-Smith, Midland Seniors Council  
Jacqueline Berchtold, Project Coordinator, County of Simcoe  
Jim Gough, Seniors Representative  
Johan Chen, Planning Officer, Entité 4  
Judy Contin, Executive Director, Askennonia Senior Centre  
Kim Woodland, Matthews House Hospice  
Kris Houston, Project Champion, Project LifeSaver  
Laura-Lynn Bourassa, Manager Education & Support Programs, Alzheimer Society  
Margaret Adolphe, Chair Accessibility Committee of Collingwood  
Michele Gouett, Chair Tay Seniors Advisory Committee  
Nathan Westendorp, Director Planning & Chief Planner, County of Simcoe  
Tracy Hill, Age-Friendly Project Lead, County of Simcoe

### GUEST:

Jackie Tanner, National Manager, Canada HomeShare

### REGRETS:

Andrea Roylance, Matthews House Hospice  
Annick Brown, Director of Family Services, La Clé  
Carly Murphy, Essa Township  
Cate Root, Tay Township Representative  
Chris Greer, Tiny Township Senior Advisory Committee  
Dawn Hipwell, Director, Procurement, Fleet & Property County of Simcoe  
Greg Bishop, Director, Social and Community Housing, County of Simcoe  
Heather Hollingshead, Spinal Cord Injury Ontario (SCIO)  
Jim Gough, Seniors' Representative  
Kari Warnar, Community Safety and Wellbeing, Avail Consulting  
Katelyn Johns, Legislative Coordinator, County of Simcoe  
Kelley Swift Jones, County of Simcoe Museum



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Linda Flemington, Collingwood  
 Lori Crossan, Collingwood Public Library  
 Lucia Ricardo, Seniors Advisory Committee and CNIB Simcoe Muskoka  
 Lynne Trotechaud, Manager of Collaborations and Partnerships, United Way Greater Simcoe Muskoka  
 Maria Borczyk, Matthews House Hospice  
 Marie Hartman, South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre  
 Marlene de Jesus, Helping Hands Orillia  
 Mary Warnock, Chair Seniors Advisory Committee, Tay Township  
 Melissa Mei, LHINS  
 Merideth Morrison, Director, Performance, Quality & Development, County of Simcoe  
 Mia Brown, Manager, Substance Use & Injury Prevention Program, SMDHU  
 Nancy Esson, Right At Home Canada  
 Ruth McArthur, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit  
 Sandra Easson Bruno, Director North Simcoe Muskoka Specialized Geriatric Services Program  
 Sarah Orr-Shaw, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit  
 Sharon Youell, County of Simcoe  
 Sherry Teeter, Community Connection/211 Central East Ontario  
 Susan Plewes, LHINS  
 Tami Tarini, Independent Living Services  
 Tom Johnston, Seniors for Seniors

**RECORDER:** Catherine Ivanyshyn, Administrative Assistant, County of Simcoe

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ITEM	ACTION
<p><b>1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b></p> <p>All were welcomed to the meeting.</p> <p>Introduction to a new Committee member, Nathan Westendorp, Director Planning &amp; Chief Planner, County of Simcoe</p>	
<p><b>2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b></p> <p>The Agenda was approved as presented by Margaret Adolphe and seconded by Christina Strong.</p>	
<p><b>3.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (February 22, 2022)</b></p> <p>The Minutes from the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting are approved as presented by Councilor Anita Dubeau and seconded by Margaret Adolphe.</p>	
<p><b>4.0 Presentation: Canada HomeShare</b></p> <p>Jackie Tanner, National Manager, Canada HomeShare</p>	<p>Catherine will add this as a resource on the Age-Friendly Resources webpages:  <a href="https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ltc/age-friendly/age-friendly-resources">https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ltc/age-friendly/age-friendly-resources</a></p>



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<p data-bbox="305 296 358 352">  </p> <p data-bbox="233 359 435 411">AFC Canada HomeShare Presentat</p> <p data-bbox="233 464 1115 716">Canada HomeShare is facilitated by a team of Social Workers who prioritize safety and security. All participants complete a Vulnerable Sector Screening and all homes undergo a safety checks. Social workers provide ongoing support by conducting regular follow-ups and mediation. The Canada HomeShare team is there to support participants through every step to ensure a safe and happy experience.</p> <p data-bbox="233 751 1104 825"><b><i>How is the organization funded and is there a cost for the applicant?</i></b></p> <p data-bbox="233 831 1146 936">The program is free for all applicants. Canada HomeShare is run and grant-funded through the National Initiative for The Care of the Elderly, which is a non-profit organization.</p> <p data-bbox="233 972 1021 1010"><b><i>How does this program work with family dynamics?</i></b></p> <p data-bbox="233 1016 1138 1226">The program receives many applicants from family members of the participant who is independent. They want someone in the home to accompany their loved ones, check on them, help them ensure they take their meds. especially when they live further away. It is important to have the family members involved from the beginning.</p> <p data-bbox="233 1262 1115 1335"><b><i>What happens if over time there is a health crisis (memory loss) and disabilities? How do you prepare for this?</i></b></p> <p data-bbox="233 1341 1078 1520">Students cannot provide any assessments as they are not trained in further responsibilities if the participant has complicated disabilities or healthcare issues and may not be able to match them. However, there have been appropriate matches made that best suit both individuals.</p> <p data-bbox="233 1556 824 1593"><b><i>Is this targeted towards students only?</i></b></p> <p data-bbox="233 1600 1109 1810">Canada HomeShare is studying the process and impacts this has on both housing and security for students and the impacts on social isolation for older adults. Considering there is a need for affordable housing for many other groups, the funding is in place for students only at this time to complete the data collection for the pilot years.</p> <p data-bbox="233 1845 1057 1919"><b><i>Have you looked at the potential of seniors supporting seniors?</i></b></p>	



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<p>This is the direction that might be taken in future. There is also no age limit for students.</p> <p><b><i>What is the success rate of matches lasting the duration of the planned time?</i></b>            The COVID-19 pandemic has changed this. Expansion funding was received January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Students who were matched were not able to fulfill the commitment and some had to leave with some concern by home providers. Other than this, there has been a approximately 95% success rate.</p> <p><b><i>With the pilot being in Barrie, is there a timeline when this would expand into Simcoe County?</i></b>            Canada HomeShare is still in the beginning stages of a formal relationship with Georgian College. Once this partnership is solidified, a local Advisory Committee will be formed which will include eight to fifteen local stakeholders in the community who will guide the program in helping to reach the age-friendly goal. A local social worker will then be hired, and applications will be opened. COVID has shifted how people look for student housing. Students are actively looking for housing and the more home providers on the list, the more matches can be made. HomeShare Canada did not shut down during COVID, therefore, some matches were made where needed.</p> <p><b><i>Can this Advisory Committee help to spread the word on this program?</i></b>            Yes. Once the formal partnership with Georgian goes through, Canada HomeShare will contact Tracy Hill with information on info sessions.</p> <p><b><i>Have there been any barriers around by-laws? For example, rooming house by-laws?</i></b>            In Toronto, a home of four (4) people or more who are renting and living in the same household is considered a rooming house and would abide by rooming house by-laws. Most times this is not a factor with HomeShare. In other provinces, there are different by-laws on this. HomeShare Canada ensures a good partnership with municipalities to ensure by-laws are being considered.</p> <p>The committee members discussed the benefits to seniors in the reduction of isolation and loneliness, and a peace of mind benefit for those with family members who live far away in that someone is there for their loved one. Feedback from participants has</p>	



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<p>indicated that the unplanned interactions in the household have made a positive impact on their day.</p> <p><b>Contact Information:</b> Jackie Tanner, National Manager, Canada HomeShare  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Jackie.Tanner@Canadahomeshare.com">Jackie.Tanner@Canadahomeshare.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b> (800) 786-9773  <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.canadahomeshare.com/">https://www.canadahomeshare.com/</a></p>	
<p><b>5.0 Presentation: Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County</b></p> <p>Laura-Lynn Bourassa, Manager Education and Support Programs, Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County</p> <div data-bbox="321 827 376 890" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>ASSC.04.01.2022.pdf</p> <p>The Vision of the Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County is to provide programs and services to assist those living with a <i>progressive</i> dementia and/or their care partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Become educated about the disease;</li> <li>• Manage symptoms;</li> <li>• Manage stress resulting from the disease / build resiliency;</li> <li>• Access support in the community to assist with coping;</li> <li>• Plan for future care needs;</li> <li>• Understand grief and loss; and,</li> <li>• Connect with others / grow informal supports.</li> </ul> <p><u>Support Services include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Link: Care navigator system reviews all referrals and determines where they go within the organization. They help clients who are newly diagnosed to understand the system and connected to external community partners.</li> <li>• Supportive Counselling: This is the bulk of clients where they meet with family support coordinators for one-on-one or family dementia counselling.</li> <li>• Care Partner Support Groups: Ten Family Support group operate throughout the County, with 7 online and 3 in person.</li> <li>• Intensive Care Coordination: This is for clients who are on their own and living with dementia with no primary support or substitute decision-maker. A Social Worker staff member works directly with the</li> </ul>	<p>Laura-Lynn will contact Kim Woodland at Matthews House.</p>



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<p>client to help them get assistance to live well and safely within their home for as long as possible or get to the right facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancing Care: This is a program with one clinician staff member who runs therapeutic groups with caregivers that focus on building practical skills through group sessions. The group sessions involve coaching and mentoring and role playing to help them practice skills and strategies to help them support the person they live with. This program has been shown to increase caregivers' ability to cope and feelings of isolation so they can continue to provide care.</li> </ul> <p><u>Social and Recreational Programs</u></p> <p>There has been an increase in programming in the last two years due to COVID-19 in order to stay connected as much as possible to caregivers and those living with dementia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minds in Motion Program: An 8-week exercise in cognitive stimulation program. This is moving to in-person.</li> <li>Good Day Café: Social get-togethers in the County.</li> <li>Creative Connections: Art programs run virtually. Supplies are delivered and art is done together online.</li> <li>Musical Memories: A music therapy program that delivers music therapy sessions throughout Simcoe County. Instruments can be provided for individuals to play in their homes and sing along.</li> <li>Music Project: An MP3 player device offered to people with music of their own choice to enjoy in their homes. This is in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Toronto.</li> <li>Activity Kits: Activity Kits have been offered during the pandemic for to help clients in their homes remain engaged and stay connected and cognitively stimulated.</li> <li>In-Home Recreation Therapy: A new program with funding received for a one-year pilot to provide in-home recreation therapy with a hope for ongoing funding once results come in. Recreation therapists are sent into a client's home to do an assessment. They create an activity plan for the client. Then the client will receive weekly visits by either a therapist or trained volunteers to act out the activity. This provides the client with companionship and stimulation as well as providing the care partner with a few hours of respite. Ontario Caregiver Organization released a report that noted 58% of caregivers providing 10 hours or more of care a week are reported to feeling burnt out. (Ontario Caregiver Organization, November 23, 2021, Spotlight research survey on the experience of family caregivers: The Impact of Covid-19 on caregivers: Year Two).</li> </ul>	



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<p><b><i>Does the Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County have partnership with hospices in Simcoe County?</i></b></p> <p>The Alzheimer Society has run programs and education groups at Matthew’s House Hospice using their space. Laura-Lynn will connect with Kim Woodland at Matthews House.</p> <p><b><i>Are there vaccination protocols for those getting together in a group for programs?</i></b></p> <p>There has not been a stipulation to show proof of vaccination for the majority of programs, with the exception of Minds in Motion, where proof of vaccination was required. COVID precautions are in place such as distancing, masking, cleaning and screening.</p> <p><b>Contact Information:</b> Laura-Lynn Bourassa, Manager Education &amp; Support Programs, Alzheimer Society</p> <p><b>Email :</b> <a href="mailto:LBourassa@alzheimersociety.ca">LBourassa@alzheimersociety.ca</a>  <b>Phone :</b> 705-722-1066</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="https://alzheimer.ca/simcoecounty/en">https://alzheimer.ca/simcoecounty/en</a>  <a href="#">Link to the Alzheimer Society Simcoe County Program Guide</a></p>	
<p><b>6.0 WHAT’S HAPPENING (local community initiatives) – Roundtable</b></p> <p><b>County Councilor Anita Dubeau, Deputy Mayor, Town of Penetanguishene</b></p> <p>The Town of Penetanguishene has been in review of the Town’s zoning by-laws with some changes made. The local library is supporting a prom dress imitative for those graduating this year.</p> <p><b>Christina Strong, Communications Coordinator, Independent Living Services Simcoe County</b></p> <p>The ILS Administration Building moved from 44 Cedar Pointe Rd. to 15 Cedar Pointe Rd. During COVID, care workers continue in-home services for personal support and specialized services for independence. ILS continues with full PPE for all in-home services.</p> <p><b>Dan Leonard, Dan Leonard, Service Coordinator &amp; Community Navigator, Independent Living Services</b></p> <p>With seniors conferences being announced in Wasaga Beach and Penetanguishene, ILS will be moving in the same direction of opening up soon.</p>	<p>Arfona Zwiers will contact Robin Chapman, Program Supervisor, Social Housing Simcoe County and have a</p>



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<p>The ILS Occupational Therapists noted that there is a shortage of general contractors and accessibility contractors. ILS programs require that clients have two (2) quotes from contractors for projects. ILS would like to provide a list of vendors to give to individuals who are looking for contractors to get work done without referring the individual to any particular contractor.</p> <p>Arfona Zwiers will contact Robin Chapman, Program Supervisor, Social Housing Simcoe County and have a list of vendors/contractors forwarded to Dan Leonard.</p> <p><b>Arfona Zwiers, Director, Social and Affordable Housing, County of Simcoe</b></p> <p>Once there is confirmation of Federal or Provincial funding, next year's Ontario Renovates funding will be initiated and will include secondary suites, home repairs, and accessibility modifications. There is a waiting list for this program.</p> <p>The Ontario Renovates Program Website:  <a href="https://www.simcoe.ca/SocialHousing/Pages/Apply-for-Ontario-Renovates.aspx">https://www.simcoe.ca/SocialHousing/Pages/Apply-for-Ontario-Renovates.aspx</a></p> <p>During the pandemic, Social and Affordable Housing continued with the construction sites for the residential, rental development and large multi-residential projects underway. The Wasaga Beach build of 99 Units and the Victoria Harbour build of 41 units successfully opened during the pandemic (2020/2021). The Orillia hub development started in November 2021 and will be expected to be completed in early 2024 with 130 units. All new builds incorporate two thirds of the units dedicated to one bedroom units. In Orillia, there will be 29 bachelor units that, in partnership with non-profit organizations, will serve vulnerable populations.</p> <p>Bradford West Gwillimbury is in the pre-construction phase and will begin within a few months with completion by 2023. In Barrie, a property was acquired to move forward with construction plans for 150 units with the timelines of 2024-2026.</p> <p><b>Judy Contin, Executive Director, Askennonnia Senior Centre</b></p> <p>Askennonnia opened its doors February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Notice some hesitancy for people returning with only half the membership, which went from 1,300 to about 600. Currently, 35 programs are running. However, there are no fundraising or special events running yet.</p>	<p>list of vendors/contractors forwarded to Dan Leonard.</p> <p>Catherine will schedule Arfona for a presentation on the Ontario Renovates program at the Advisory Committee.</p>





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<p><i>Any thoughts about Seniors Month in June?</i> Looking at an outdoor BBQ but still in review.</p> <p><b>Deborah Dion-Smith, Midland Seniors Council</b></p> <p>October 2021, the Midland Seniors Council held an Age-Friendly Community event that was well attended. The guest speakers were from the Ontario Age-Friendly Communities Outreach Program and from the Age-Friendly Niagara Network. They shared an overview of the planning, implementation, evaluating and sustaining processes and lessons learned, and welcomed communities to reach out to them. From this event, an Age-Friendly Working Group was developed for North Simcoe.</p> <p>The Midland Seniors Council applied for a New Horizons Grant with success for a bench program and will be planning for several more benches across the community. Initiated the Seniors on the Move program, providing seniors with free bus passes. Out of 104 individuals who use the transit service, 57 surveys were completed. The seniors identified that the transit service helped with a decrease in feelings of isolation and a sense of belonging.</p> <p><u>Update on the promotion of seniors for employment</u> - In collaboration with the YMCA in Midland, a sub-committee has been formed. With the Simcoe Muskoka Workplace Development Literacy Network and the Southern Georgian Bay Chambers of Commerce, the Sub-Committee was able to reach out to businesses in the Midland area on this initiative. It was noted that many seniors access the foodbank twice a month. The plan is to prepare a short survey on this and provide more information and feedback at the next Age-Friendly Advisory Committee meeting.</p> <p><b>Jim Gough, Seniors Representative</b></p> <p>Jim has felt fairly isolated during this pandemic, has been through testing for COPD. Jim went through a lung transplant approximately four months ago and is now recovering.</p> <p><b>Nathan Westendorp, Director Planning &amp; Chief Planner, County of Simcoe</b></p> <p>The County Planning Department, along with the 16 County municipalities, are focusing on the long-term horizon growth planning and will be looking ahead at 10-30 years of growth and</p>	<p>Christina Strong will email links and information to Nathan regarding the Centre of Inclusive Design</p>





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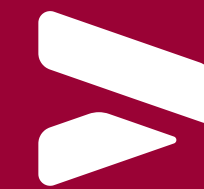
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<p>meeting the criteria, please contact <a href="mailto:kris@hughstoninsurance.com">kris@hughstoninsurance.com</a>.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">             May 2022 Project Description.pdf         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">             FAQs.pdf         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">             Housing status doc for Case Workers.pc         </div> </div> <p><b>Michele Gouett, Chair Tay Seniors Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>Michele is actively involved with the North Simcoe Age-Friendly Advisory Committee. The Committee is preparing a proposal to go to Council. Locally, preparing an application for the community support grant in the amount of \$25,000 so be able to increase community presentations and events for seniors (i.e., Seniors Talk) and provide transportation for those living in more remote areas.</p> <p><b>Tracy Hill, Simcoe County Age-Friendly Lead</b></p> <p>The Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant for 2022 launched March 31st. The application and forms can be found on the Age-Friendly website and copies will be available at the Administration Centre Customer Service desk and at community libraries in Simcoe County. This has been a successful and growing program since 2018 and we are pleased to have supported approximately 200 projects so far for accessible, adaptable and inclusive designs for individuals 60+ in Simcoe County. The due date to submit the 2022 applications for 2022 is <b>June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022</b>. For more information contact Tracy Hill – <a href="mailto:Tracy.Hill@simcoe.ca">Tracy.Hill@simcoe.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:AgeFriendly@simcoe.ca">AgeFriendly@simcoe.ca</a>.</p> <p><b>Website: <a href="https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ltc/age-friendly">Age-Friendly Simcoe County</a></b>  <a href="https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ltc/age-friendly">https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/ltc/age-friendly</a></p>	<p>at the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee.</p>
<p><b>7.0 Closing Remarks</b></p>	
<p><b>8.0 Next Meeting:</b> June 14. 2022 (2:00pm – 3:30pm)</p>	
<p><b>9.0 Adjournment:</b> 12:35pm</p>	



# Canada HomeShare

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Intergenerational social work facilitated homesharing: Small changes offer big solutions

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A program by the **National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly**

# HomeSharing: The Bridge Between Generations?



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## Aging in place: How Baby Boomers are breaking Canada's real estate market

*In one of the tightest real estate markets ever recorded in Canada, Boomers are not letting go of their homes*

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## Baby boomers vs. millennials: The fight over real estate heats up

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## Young people way more likely to experience severe housing unaffordability in Toronto

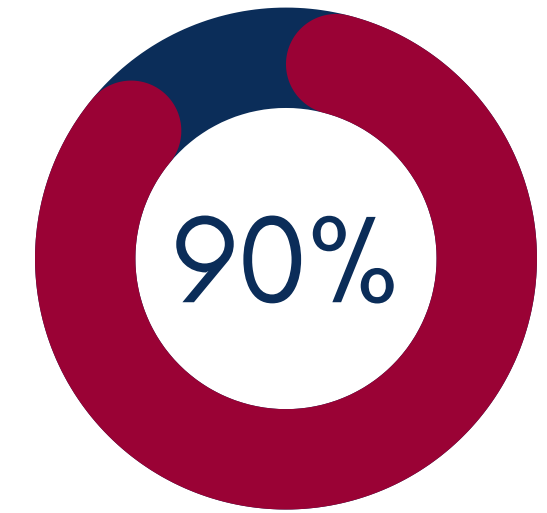
**Real Estate**

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Finding reasonable and affordable housing in Toronto has become increasingly difficult, particularly for younger people.

# The Need

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## Growing desire to age at home

The majority of Canadians want to remain in their own homes as they age

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## But there can be many challenges:

- Rising costs on a fixed income
- Risk of social isolation & loneliness
- Need for additional support with day-to-day activities
- Vulnerability to fraud & abuse potential finding tenants independently

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# What is Canada HomeShare?

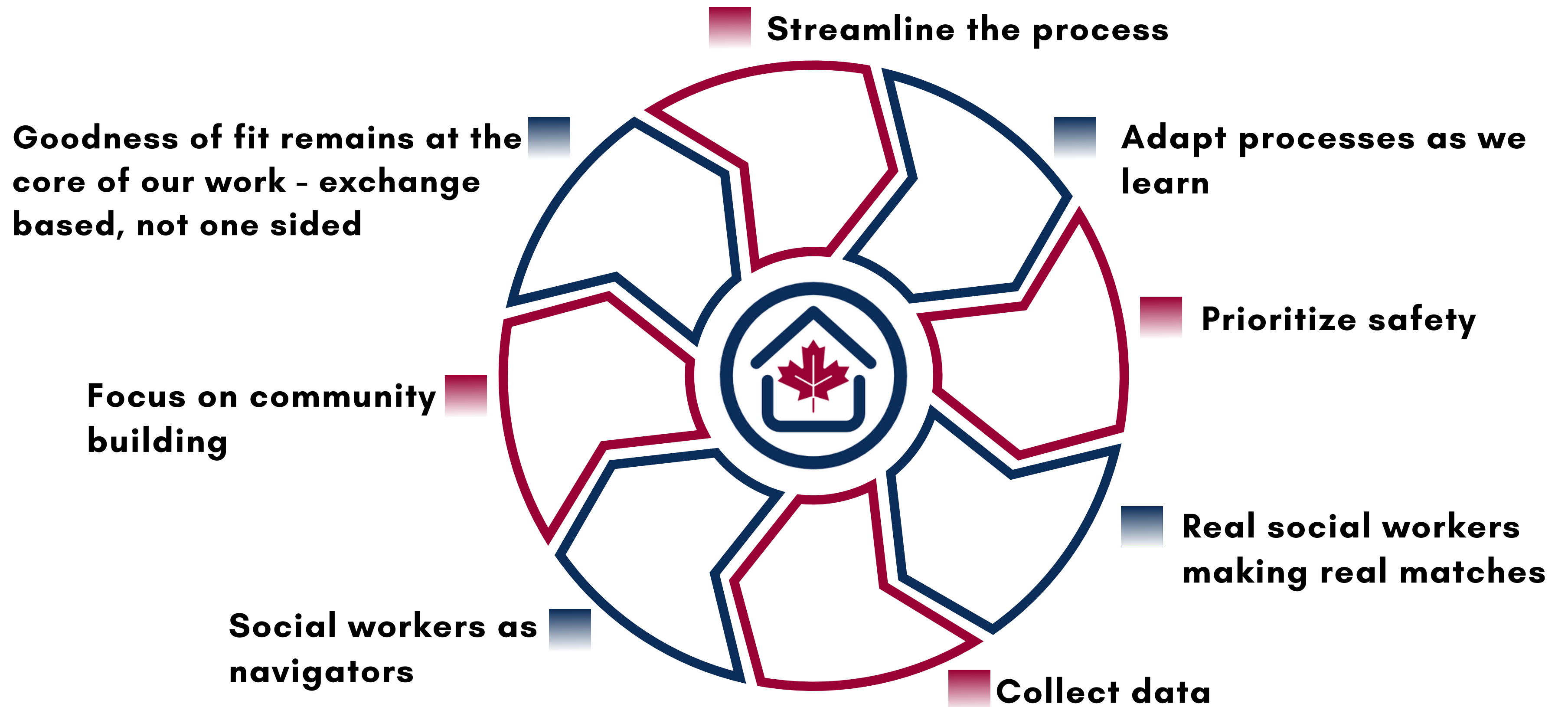
- Not-for-profit program that matches older adult home providers and post-secondary students
- Facilitated by team of social workers
- Older adults: receive assistance around the house and additional income - \$400-600/month
- Students: subsidize their rent by providing up to seven hours/week of assistance around and/or companionship for their home provider



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(More sites to launch through 2022/2023)**

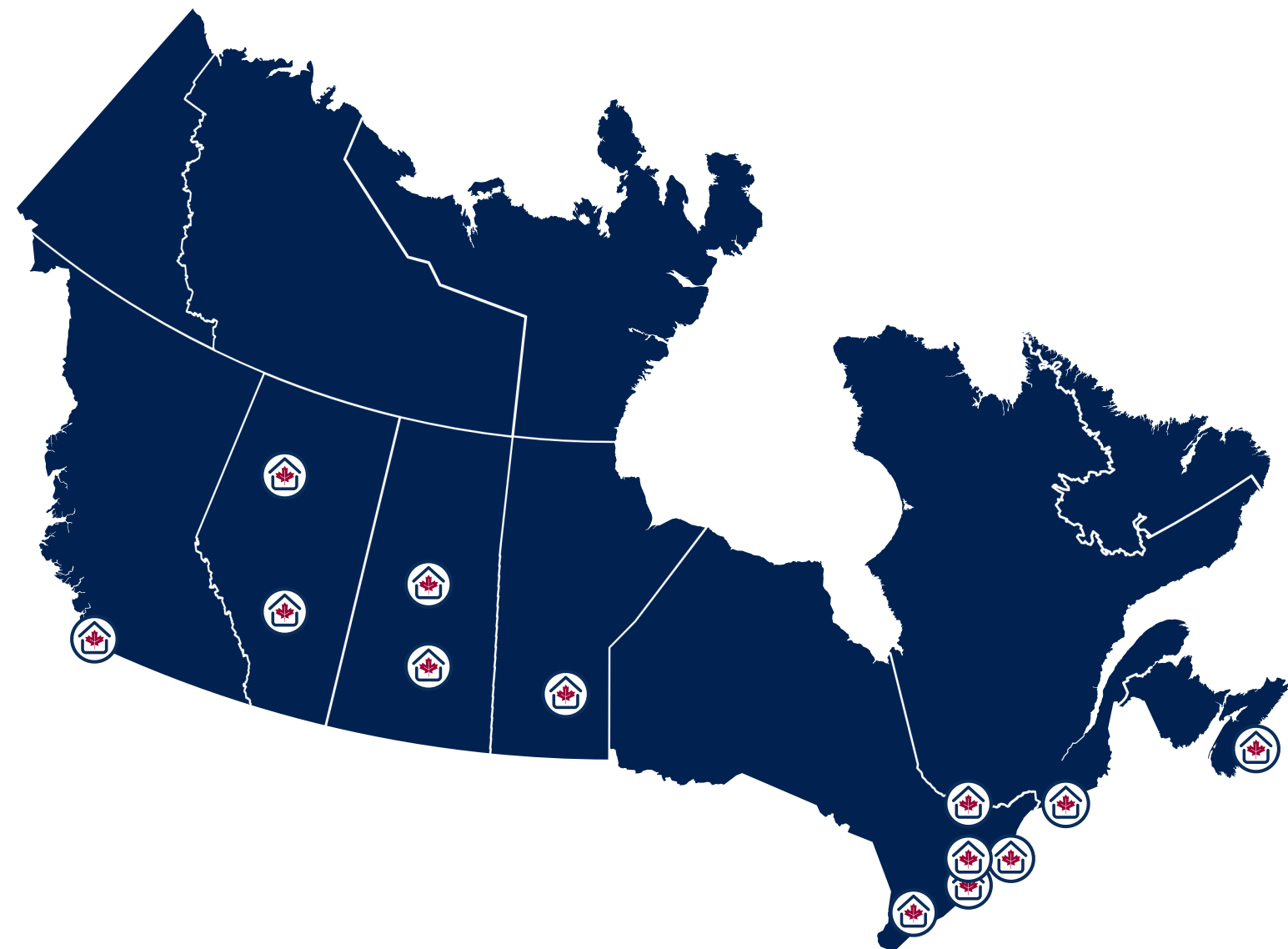


# The Canada HomeShare Strategy: From Municipal Pilot to Program to National Pilot Expansion

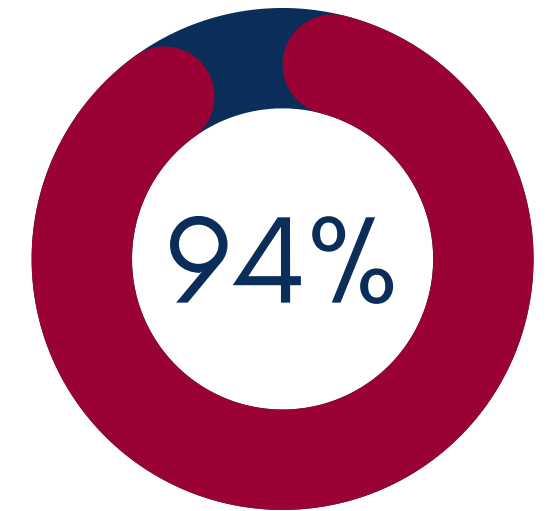


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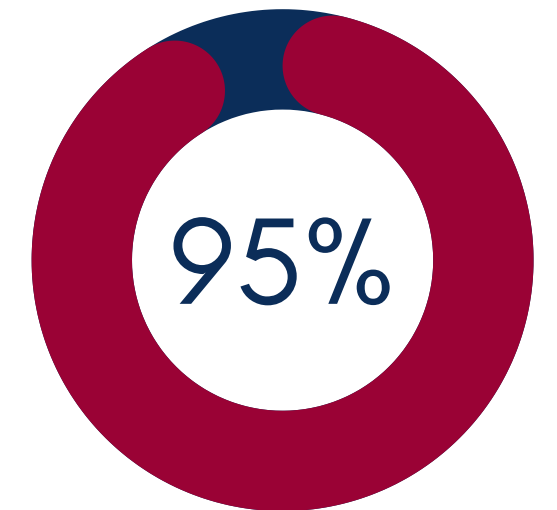
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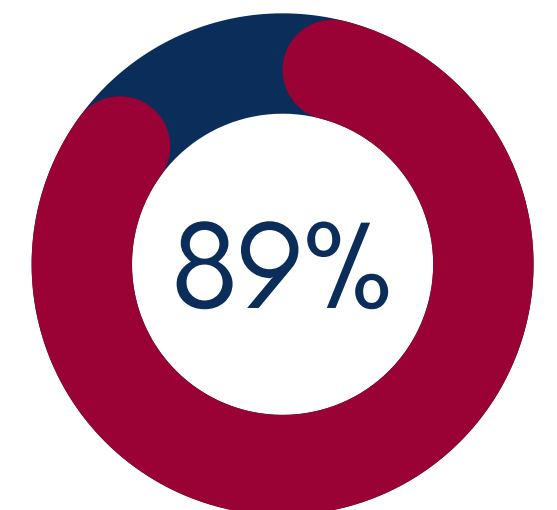
Reduction in social isolation



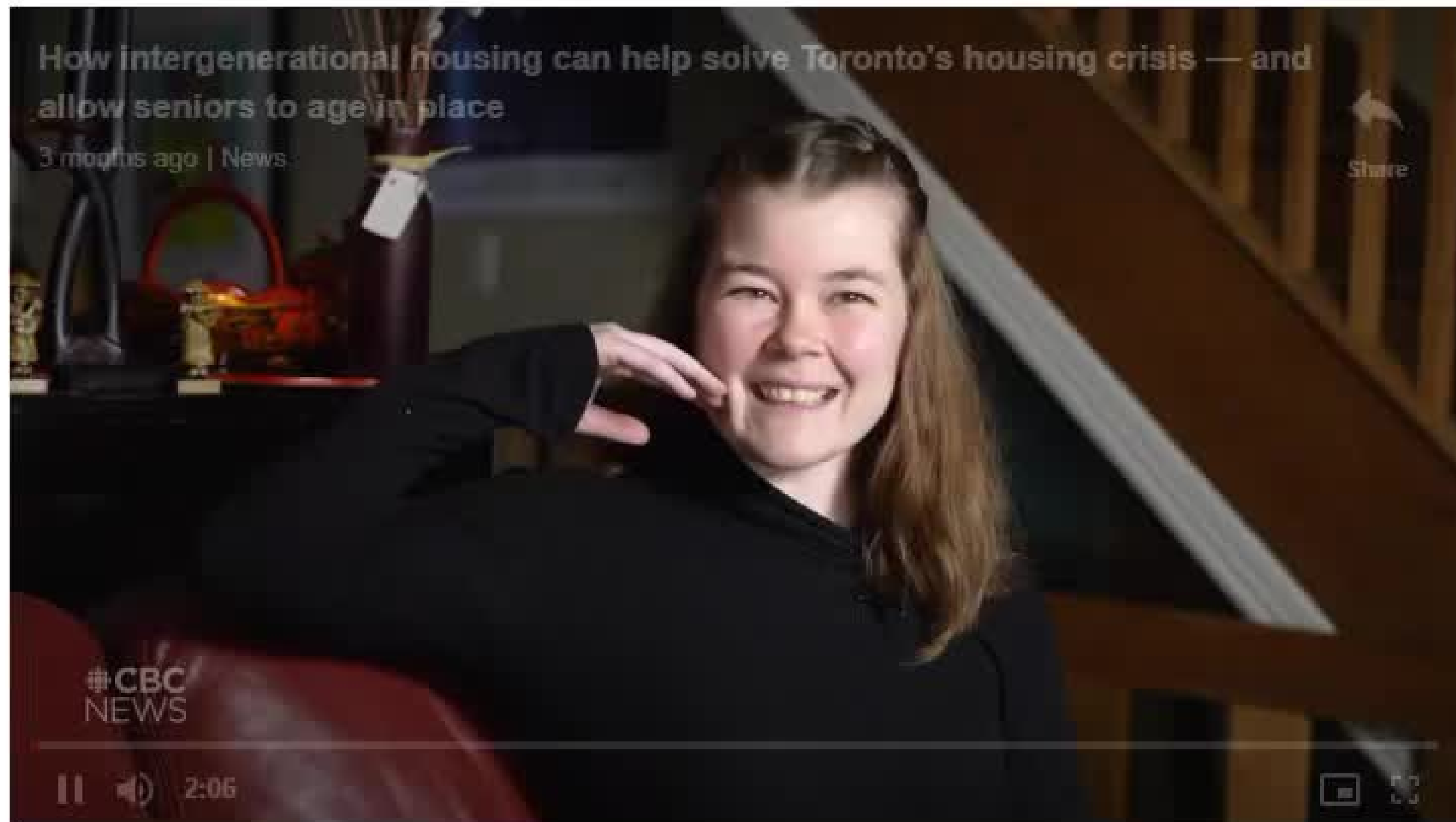
Intergenerational homesharing  
could delay the need to move out  
of community



Program increased general  
wellbeing

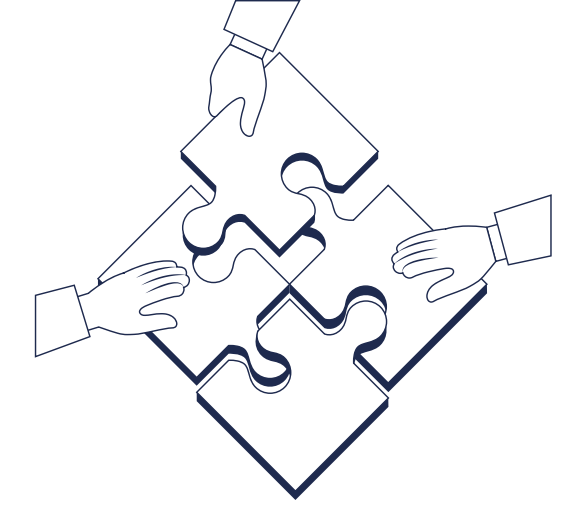


# ➤ CBC Profile of our Participants' Experiences



For more of Canada HomeShare in the news, check out our website  
[www.canadahomeshare.com](http://www.canadahomeshare.com)

# Lessons Learned >



## ■ We Need a Culture Change

- Rethinking how we use our homes
- Reimagining how generations interact

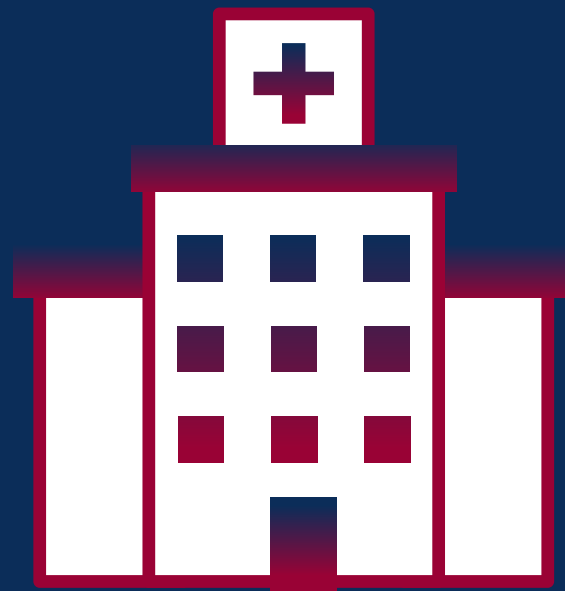
## ■ Growing Need

- Making matches with different demographics, in a diversity of locations

## ■ Proactive Approaches

- Addressing unmet needs before they become big barriers

# >> Let's Focus on Protective Factors...



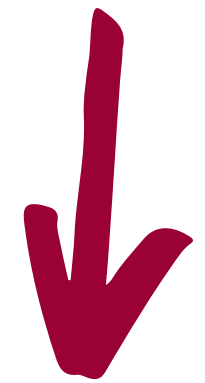
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**\$126/day**



**\$42/day**

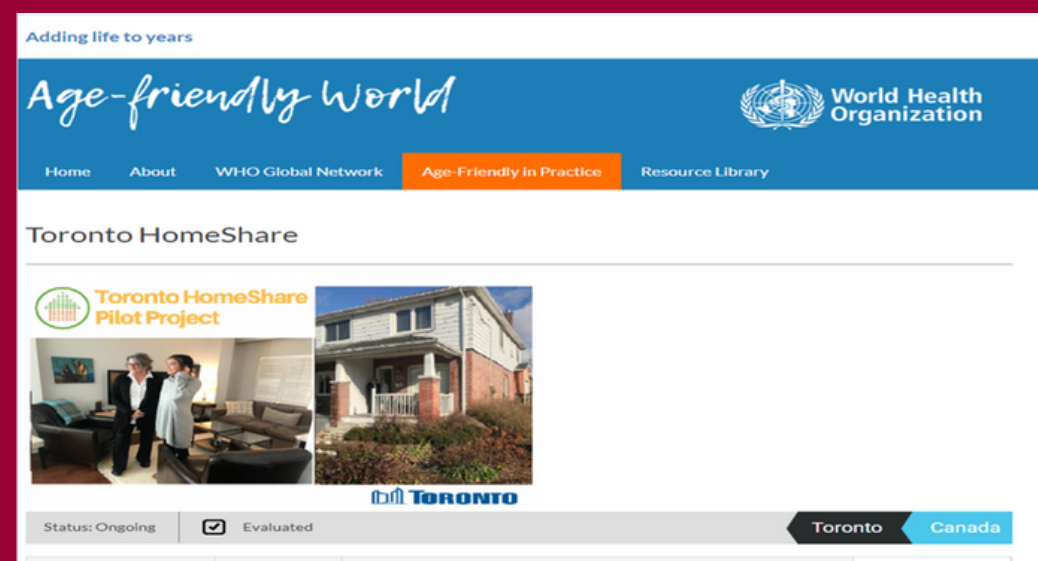


**\$0.54/day**

← **Increasing costs, pushing people out of community** →

# HomeSharing and an Age Friendly Ontario

Canada HomeShare is one tool in the age friendly tool box





**Canada  
HomeShare**  
by NICE

Website

[www.canadahomeshare.com](http://www.canadahomeshare.com)

Phone

800-786-9773

Email

[info@canadahomeshare.com](mailto:info@canadahomeshare.com)

# Thank You!

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# Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County

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Who We Are and  
What We Do





# The Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County

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Provides programs & services to assist those living with a *progressive* dementia and/or their care partners to:

- Become educated about the disease
- Manage symptoms
- Manage stress resulting from the disease / build resiliency
- Access support in the community to assist with coping
- Plan for future care needs
- Understand grief and loss
- Connect with others/ grow informal supports

# Our Vision

Persons living with dementia, and their care partners, live well and thrive in their community.





# Person Centred Philosophy

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Recognizes each individual has unique values, personality, personal history, and a right to dignity and respect.

We believe that persons living with dementia have a right to participate in decisions that guide their life.

This person-centred concept of unconditional positive regard is woven throughout all programs and services and works to counteract the stigma that has been attached to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

# Dementia Friendly

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- People with dementia can continue to engage in the things they love and remain active in their communities with the right help and support.
- Alzheimer Societies across Canada provide programs and support services to help people with all forms of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, and their care partners to live as well as possible.



# About Us



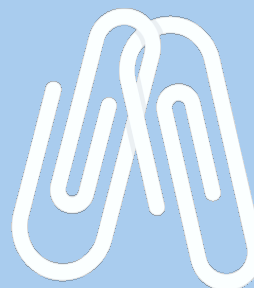
**10,500** people living with dementia in Simcoe County

([Hopkins Report](#))

**1,086**  
clients served  
in 2020/2021



**44**  
referrals a month  
(Average 2020/2021)

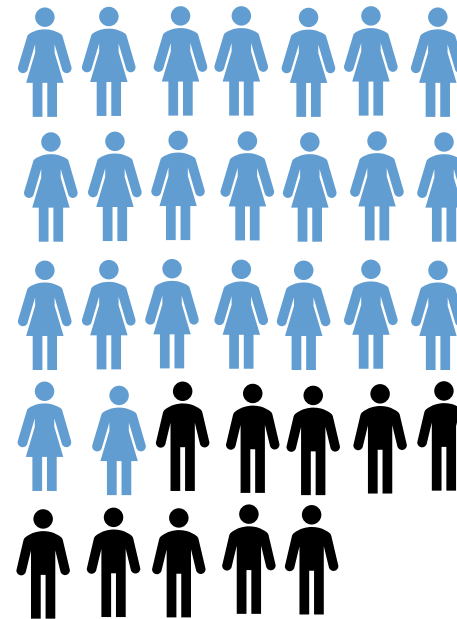
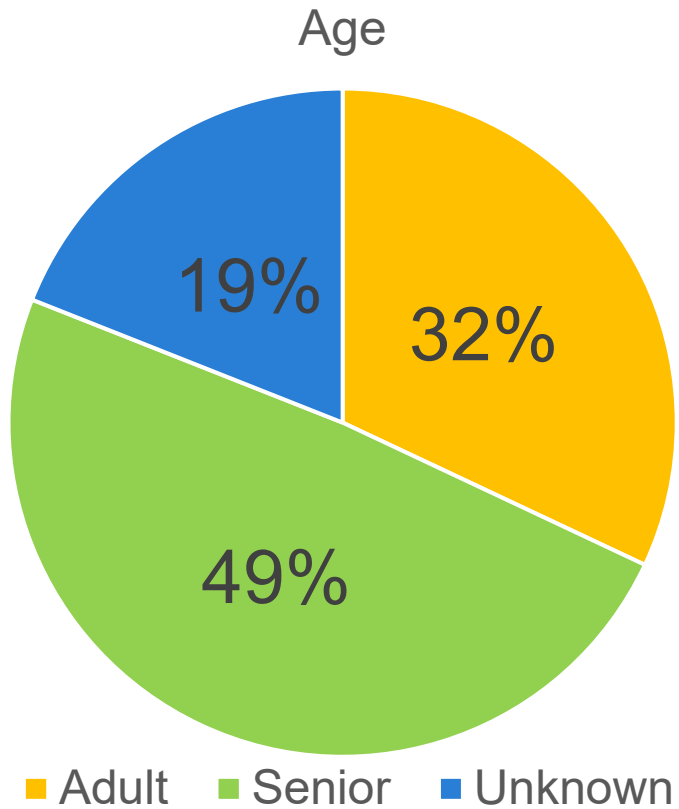


**79%** direct referrals, resulting in services 11 months sooner<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>McAiney CA, Hillier LM, Stolee P, Harvey D, Michael J. 'Throwing a lifeline': the role of First Link™ in enhancing support for individuals with dementia and their caregivers. Neurodegen. Dis. Manage. 2(6), 623–638 (2012)

# Our Clients

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65% Female

28% Male

# Our Funding

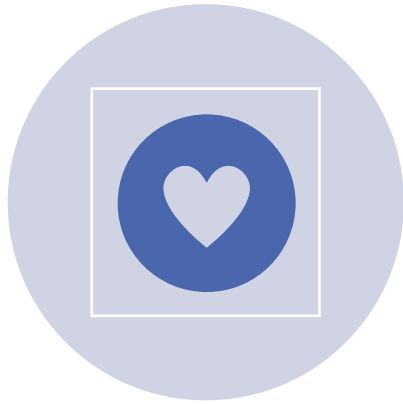
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- Donations and fundraising events cover 40% of total expenses year over year.
- Our fundraising events meet only part of this goal, so we rely on individual, memorial and corporate donations, as well as third party fundraising events for the rest.



# Our Programs & Services

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SUPPORT SERVICES



EDUCATION PROGRAMS



SOCIAL/RECREATIONAL  
PROGRAMS



# Program Eligibility

Persons living with dementia, of any age

Caregivers of persons living with dementia, of any age

# Support Services

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- First Link<sup>®</sup> Care Navigation
- Supportive Counselling
- Care Partner Support Groups
- Intensive Case Coordination

 **Enhancing Care** (delivered in partnership with Sinai Health Systems – Reitman Centre)



# Education Programs

## Programs for Persons Living with Dementia

- First Steps; Taking Control of our Lives

## Programs for Care Partners

- Next Steps; Care Essentials; Navigating LTC; Ambiguous Loss

## Programs for Health Professionals

- U-First; GPA

## Programs for General Public

- Heads Up for Healthy Brains; Speaker's Bureau

# Social/Recreational Programs

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Minds in Motion

Good Day Café

Creative  
Connections

(in partnership with Quest Art  
School + Gallery)

Musical  
Memories

(in partnership with Music  
Therapy Services of Simcoe  
County)

Music Project  
(partnership with Alzheimer  
Society of Toronto)

Activity Kits  
(in partnership with SGS and  
Alz. Society Muskoka &  
MacLaren Art Centre)

In-Home  
Recreation  
Therapy



# Service area

Sub-Region	% of client base
<b>Barrie &amp; Area</b> (Barrie, Springwater, Innisfil, ½ Essa)	39%
<b>Couchiching</b> (Orillia, Oro-Medonte, Severn, Ramara)	20%
<b>North Simcoe</b> (Midland, Penetanguishene, Tiny & Tay Townships)	8%
<b>Southern Georgian Bay</b> (Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Clearview Township)	12%
<b>South Simcoe</b> (New Tecumseth, Bradford West-Gwillimbury, Adjala-Tosorontio, 1/2Essa)	11%
<b>Out of Area</b>	10%



# Accessing our Services

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There are **two ways** to start accessing our programs and services:

1. Your doctor or other community health partner can make a direct referral for you through our First Link® program
  2. You can connect with us yourself for information or if you'd like to join a program by calling our office at 705-722-1066 or emailing [simcoecounty@alzheimersociety.ca](mailto:simcoecounty@alzheimersociety.ca)
- We process all new referrals by date they are received regardless of how they come to us.

# Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County

Alzheimer Society  
SIMCOE COUNTY

## Programs Guide

April - June 2022

EDUCATION,  
RECREATION  
AND  
SUPPORT  
PROGRAMS  
FOR PEOPLE  
LIVING WITH  
DEMENTIA  
AND THEIR  
CARE  
PARTNERS

Support for the Alzheimer Society of  
Simcoe County has been provided by  
Ontario Health and the Government  
of Ontario.





# Ways you Can Help

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- Be dementia friendly
  - Increase your understanding of dementia and share it with others!
- Stay connected
- Participate in a fundraising event or make a donation
- Volunteer your time



# Contact us...

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Office location: 20 Anne Street South, Barrie  
Satellite: 25 Museum Drive, Orillia



Barrie Office: 705-722-1066 or 1-800-265-5391  
Orillia Office: 705-329-0909 or 1-855-529-0909



[www.alzheimer.ca/simcoecounty](http://www.alzheimer.ca/simcoecounty)



[www.facebook.com/AlzheimerSocietySimcoeCounty](https://www.facebook.com/AlzheimerSocietySimcoeCounty)



[@AlzheimerSimcoe](https://twitter.com/AlzheimerSimcoe)



[@alzsimcoecounty](https://www.instagram.com/alzsimcoecounty)



## The PROGRAM

Project Lifesaver is the premier search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies, and is strategically designed for “at risk” individuals who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering.



## Getting IN TOUCH

For more information about Project Lifesaver Simcoe  
[projectlifesaversimcoe.ca](http://projectlifesaversimcoe.ca)



1-249-888-0249



[facebook.com/projectlifesaversimcoe](https://facebook.com/projectlifesaversimcoe)



@LifesaverSimcoe



For more information about Project Lifesaver International  
[projectlifesaver.org](http://projectlifesaver.org)



## PROJECT LIFESAVER SIMCOE

*Bringing Loved Ones Home*



*A Public Safety Program to Protect and Locate Missing Persons Due to Wandering*

This watch-sized bracelet emits a unique FM radio frequency signal every second. Police use a satellite receiver, and when someone goes missing, it's tuned to pick up their frequency. It uses an FM frequency, not GPS, so it works even when a person is in a building or tunnel.

The program is suitable for vulnerable Simcoe County residents of any age. Vulnerable people include those with:

- Alzheimer's Disease*
- Autism Spectrum Disorder*
- Acquired Brain Injury*
- Mental Health Conditions*



## Frequently Asked QUESTIONS

### HOW MUCH IS IT?

The transmitter, bracelets and batteries are \$500 for one year. After the first year, batteries, bracelets and administration fees are \$120 annually or every January there after.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Vulnerable residents willingly participate with the help of their caregivers to get registered in the program. PLS volunteers will come out and meet with the client and enroll them. All participants are then added to the Project Lifesaver Simcoe database.

### WHAT ROLE TO CAREGIVERS PLAY?

Caregivers are tasked with daily battery testing and 60 day battery changes to ensure the device is operating properly. They also record personal information and immediately share vital information with police in case a loved one wanders off.

### HOW OFTEN DO THE BATTERIES NEED TO BE CHANGED?

Batteries and bracelets are changed every 60 days by the caregiver.



## Getting INVOLVED

Call **1-249-888-0249** and a Project Lifesaver Simcoe volunteer will meet with potential participants and their caregivers to provide the bracelets and transmitters and register them into the program.





## **Project Lifesaver Simcoe**

### **WHAT IS IT?**

Project Lifesaver Simcoe is a tracking device worn by vulnerable residents who have a tendency to wander. It is a watch-sized bracelet that emits a unique FM radio frequency signal every second. Police use a satellite receiver, and when someone goes missing, it's tuned to pick up their frequency. It uses an FM frequency, not GPS, so it works even when a person is in a building or tunnel.

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### **HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?**

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*If you would like more information about Project Lifesaver Simcoe, visit us at [www.projectlifesaversimcoe.ca](http://www.projectlifesaversimcoe.ca) or on Facebook at Project Lifesaver Simcoe. For more information about Project Lifesaver International, visit [www.projectlifesaver.org](http://www.projectlifesaver.org) online.*

# Community Veterinary Outreach, Simcoe County

## Project Description

The Vet Outreach model combines the benefits of animal health and preventive care, with human health and resources. We know that there is a direct link between human and animal health, and we intend to support both through a One Health model approach to animal and human care.

Vet Outreach offers intermittent veterinary clinics for individuals who are homeless or transitionally housed, who have pets. These clinics are hosted by volunteers in the veterinary community, the public health community, social service workers, as well as interested community members. While at the veterinary clinic, the clients are connected to Public Health nurses and workers to acquire resources for healthy living, vaccinations, resources for risk prevention, etc. The goal is to connect human and animal health as part of the One Health model of care.

We plan to pilot a project that connects Community Veterinary Outreach with the Simcoe County community.

Community Veterinary Outreach, Simcoe County, is currently working to establish relationships with our local veterinary community, Simcoe/Muskoka Public Health, social outreach networks including CMHA. We are interested in developing a working relationship with Georgian College students, to integrate community members, students, and professionals within Simcoe County as part of the Vet Outreach clinics. Our goal is to support individuals with pets, who are transitionally housed, with free preventive vet care and human health resource clinics throughout the year.

## Benefits of the Project

We see the support from donors to benefit a vulnerable population of community members, their pets, the veterinary and human health care communities in the following ways:

- Provide cost free preventive pet care for our clients
- Reduce the barriers to pet care for individuals who are homeless or transitionally housed
- Supporting this group of community members by supporting the health of their dearest companions
- Provide opportunities for clients to break social isolation that has become common with the Covid 19 pandemic
- Provide a safe environment for clients to seek health recommendations from Registered Nurses and other healthcare professionals
- Provide a safe environment for clients to acquire information on housing, lifestyle, and other pertinent topics for Simcoe County residents in this demographic

- Providing Public Health an opportunity to make connections with a vulnerable population of community members
- Support our community members by serving them and their pets
- Provide students with experiential learning opportunities through participation in the clinics and community communication – SSW, Vet Tech, Vet Assistant, Nursing, policing etc.
- Providing the students and the community volunteers an opportunity to develop an empathetic approach to the lesser-known members of our community

Kristina Burns, RVT, Med  
Regional Director  
Community Veterinary Outreach  
Simcoe County



Community  
Veterinary  
Outreach

### **Who is eligible to attend the clinic?**

- Clients must live in Simcoe County and meet eligibility criteria including being homeless, at high risk of homelessness, or be vulnerably housed (based on the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness definition of homeless or homeless youth)
- Clients must have a case worker, social worker, outreach worker, or health worker who refers them to the Community Vet Outreach clinic
- Clients cannot have an existing veterinary-client patient relationship (this means they can't have seen a vet on their own within the last year)
- Clients are limited to two animals per clinic date

### **What will happen at the clinic?**

- For the patients (pets), CVO will offer the following services:
  - Physical examinations
  - Canine and feline core vaccinations, including rabies
  - Treatment for internal and external parasites
  - Treatment for fleas and ticks
  - Animal identification implantation (via microchip) if available
  - Nail trimming and ear cleaning
  - Client education on topics such as nutrition, home dental care and grooming
  - CVO will invite Royal Canin to donate pet food for distribution at the clinic
  - A Pet Supply table will be available offering pet owners supplies such as leashes, collar, coats, toys, treats, etc.
  - Clients of the first clinic may be offered a second clinic for follow-up immunization (boosters)
- For clients (owners), the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will offer information to engage in conversation on the following; which will be confirmed on a clinic-clinic basis. At clinics in York Region, the following topics were typically discussed/resources provided to support these areas of need:
  - Sexual Health information and resources
  - Dental
  - Smoking Cessation
  - Additional services pending needs assessment and availability:
    - Naloxone Distribution Kits

- Flu Vaccines
  - Harm-reduction kits
  - Health implications of Marijuana Use
  - An overview of programs and services that public health offers
- Referral agencies are welcome to provide print materials promoting their services.

### **Why the clinic?**

- For the Clients:
  - Provide cost free preventive pet care for clients who would not otherwise be able to secure care for their pets
  - Reduce the barriers to pet care for individuals who are homeless or transitionally housed
  - Supporting this group of community members by supporting the health of their dearest companions
  - Provide opportunities for clients to break social isolation that has become common with the Covid 19 pandemic
  - Provide a safe environment for clients to seek health recommendations from Registered Nurses and other healthcare professionals
  - Provide a safe environment for clients to acquire information on housing, lifestyle, and other pertinent topics for Simcoe County residents in this demographic
- The Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit's interests:
  - The target population of this clinic includes some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Offering this clinic with a focus on pet care will bring people into contact with public health services that they may not have come into contact with otherwise. Contact may lead to service use, and this will help individuals achieve their highest level of health, which is the agency's vision. This clinic aims to improve health equity in the community.
  - The rabies vaccination component of the clinic aligns with the agency's mandate to prevent rabies in the community.
- CVO's interests:
  - Community Veterinary Outreach is eager to develop a presence and offer services in Simcoe County
  - Create a local One Health initiative, which is defined as a "collaborative effort of multiple disciplines to attain optimal health for people, animals, and the environment".
  - We are eager to develop partnerships with a coalition of agencies within the Simcoe County to focus on gaps in service for families meeting our eligibility criteria.

### **Where will the clinic happen?**

- We will work with community agencies to identify the best possible space that is accessible to our clients, non-threatening, and suitable to our needs.
- The facility will have the following:
  - Clinic space with adequate spacing between 6-7 large tables



- A fully enclosed room and a non-porous floor surface
- A waiting area
- The facility will provide the following:
  - 7 large tables
  - 15-20 chairs
  - Access to clean, fresh water.
  - Privacy screens for human clinical services
  - Wireless internet (future clinic when computerized records are recorded).

**When will the clinic happen?**

- We are in the planning stages currently, but we hope to have our first clinic at the end of September 2021
- We hope to be able to provide numerous clinics per year, including clinics in both Barrie and Orillia

**How will the clinic be planned and run?**

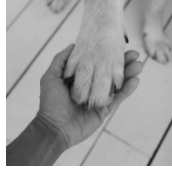
- Kristina Burns, RVT, and Patricia Lechten, DVM, will lead the project, working with CVO and referral agencies. This includes planning, securing referral agencies, fulfilling the Community Coordinator role and evaluating the project.
- The Community Coordinators will engage and invite referral agencies, provide clinic date and time details, ensure client eligibility requirements are met at time of registration of each client for the services being offered. Attendance at the clinic is by appointment only.
- The Project and Community Coordinators will provide individualized log-in information for each case worker collaborating in each clinic. Hands-on training to register clients through the online registration system Timeless for each clinic.
- Staff at referral agencies will identify clients who meet the criteria to offer the clinic, invite clients to attend and register clients if interest exists.
- CVO will provide the following staff:
  - 3 Licensed Veterinarians
  - 2-3 support staff per Veterinarian including Registered Veterinary Technicians or Assistants
  - 1-2 Clinic coordinators to oversee flow, assist
  - 2-3 People on Intake table
  - 1 One Health Advocate/Resource
- The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will provide the following staff:
  - 1-2 Public Health Nurses
  - 1 Public Health Manager
- CVO will provide all medical and associated items for pet care.
- The SMDHU will provide all medical and associated items for human care.
- Prior to the clinic, CVO will communicate to local veterinarians how this clinic is different from a low-cost clinic.

- Community Coordinators will phone clients or referral workers twice before scheduled appointment as an appointment reminder, to schedule transportation if needed and to review services being offered.
- CVO will facilitate a 30-60 minute training session for staff and volunteers, immediately before the clinic.
- CVO will facilitate a 30-minute debrief with staff and volunteers immediately following the clinic.

### **Budget**

- We are seeking funds to cover all aspects of starting up Community Vet Outreach in Simcoe County
- This includes, but is not limited to the following:
  - Vaccinations
  - Medications
  - Veterinary tools and supplies
  - Computers, printers and accessories
  - Pet supplies
  - Tables
  - Funds for food/drink at the clinics
  - Training supplies and resources
  - Funds to support the provision of transportation
- The SMDHU will cover all costs associated with human health services
- The facility will offer the location free-of-charge

# Community veterinary outreach



## “Community Medicine for People and Pets”

### ESTABLISHING HOUSING STATUS

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Referred clients must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Client is homeless, transitionally-housed or vulnerably-housed (COH definition of homeless)
2. Client is receiving ODSP, OW, or has no income; or if the client has no ID - is making regular use of shelter or agency services
3. Client does NOT have an existing veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VPCR), defined as having their animal examined or treated by a veterinarian in the past 12 months.

One of Community Veterinary Outreach’s eligibility criteria is that the client referred be considered homeless or at risk of homelessness based on the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness definition:

*Homelessness describes a range of housing and shelter circumstances, with people being without any shelter at one end, and being insecurely housed at the other. That is, homelessness encompasses a range of physical living situations, organized here in a typology that includes*

- 1) *Unsheltered, or absolutely homeless and living on the streets or in places not intended for human habitation;*
- 2) *Emergency Sheltered, including those staying in overnight shelters for people who are homeless, as well as shelters for those impacted by family violence;*
- 3) *Provisionally accommodated, referring to those whose accommodation is temporary or lacks security of tenure;*
- 4) *At Risk of Homelessness, referring to people who are not homeless, but whose current economic and/or housing situation is precarious or does not meet public health and safety standards.*

We ask referring case workers to screen clients to determine if they meet eligibility criteria. We understand that screening for homelessness is challenging and that there is a large population of people who are in need, including those who are working poor and/or under-employed. Similarly, receiving social assistance such as ODSP or living in subsidized housing does not in of itself qualify and individual for referral, there also needs to be housing instability/vulnerability as well. Housing instability may be related to household income, support systems, service access and other individual factors including mental health and addictions. In recognizing the variance in individual’s situations and transience of homelessness, questions surrounding their housing history, what services they access, income sources, and level of social support will help determine the individual’s current situation and therefore eligibility.

Public health risk is also a consideration for referral. Animals who are street-involved with their owners (e.g. panhandling) are at greater risk of biting people, and therefore are priority in the referral process. Similarly, clients who are facing eviction or legal action for veterinary services, such as rabies vaccination and/or spay/neuter are priority referrals. Victims of violence that require vaccination for their pets to be accepted into foster or boarding are another priority referral. While some may not qualify for veterinary services through Community Veterinary Outreach, these individuals may be supported through other service connections.

Another consideration is the obtaining of new pets. Community Veterinary Outreach’s programs are not to enable people to obtain vet care for new pets, but rather to maintain an existing and important human-animal relationship. In other words, we do not want individuals to obtain new pets *because* we offer free vet care.

**2022**

# **SIMCOE COUNTY AGE-FRIENDLY SENIORS HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM**

## **Accessible, Adaptable and Inclusive Designs for Occupants 60+**

The County of Simcoe has established an annual fund in the amount of \$500,000 for eligible Seniors Housing Grant Program projects. Grant amounts will be distributed based on the number of applications received and ability to meet funding criteria.

### **ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?**

**If you are interested in applying for an Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant, you must meet the following criteria:**

- Housing projects must be located within the 16 municipalities of the County of Simcoe; excludes cities of Barrie and Orillia
- Applicants can be homeowners of principal residences or developers
- Housing must be dedicated to occupants 60 years and older
- Individual homes or multi-residential development projects
- Applicant has not already received an Age-Friendly Seniors Housing grant in the past three years; or capital funding from the County of Simcoe for the same project



### **GRANT CATEGORIES**

#### **ACCESSIBLE HOUSING DESIGN FOR SENIORS**

- Universal design
- Visitable Home design
- Inclusive design for getting outdoors
- Community design

#### **DESIGN FOR PEOPLE SUFFERING DEMENTIA**

- Housing design reflecting the best practices of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Housing Options for People Living with Dementia, Volumes 1, 2, 3 and/or Dementia Services Development Centre, Improving the Design of Housing to Assist People with Dementia Criteria

#### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

- Capital projects that facilitate support services for seniors, for example: congregate dining
- If you are constructing or renovating a multiunit building, we could fund for enhanced aspects of accessibility over and above compliance with the Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act (OADA) and building code standards for residential units

**Deadline for 2022 Age-Friendly Housing Grant submissions is June 30**

# ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

**Any modifications started or completed on the property prior to approval are not eligible for the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant**

Projects that want to incorporate enhanced accessible, adaptable and inclusive designs and features that would allow seniors to continue to live independently and participate in their community for as long as possible. Examples of housing types include:

- Single detached
- Semi-detached
- Townhouse/row
- Mobile/modular
- Co-housing
- Supportive housing
- Assisted living developments
- Independent living and active lifestyle developments

**Permanent modifications to improve accessibility for seniors aged 60+. Examples include, but are not limited to:**

- Ramps
- Handrails
- Chair and bath lifts
- Grab bars
- Cues for doorbells/fire alarms
- Bathroom modifications

## COSTS NOT COVERED

**The following expenditures are NOT eligible for the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program:**

- Modifications completed prior to grant approval
- Construction projects that do not have local municipal building approval, where applicable
- Applicants who have already received Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant in the past 3 years
- Projects receiving capital support from other County of Simcoe grant programs
- Cosmetic renovations and repairs
- Purchase of land
- Landscaping
- Routine maintenance

## GRANT

The awarding of grant dollars will be determined by the cost of work approved by the County of Simcoe.

- Grants will be awarded based on the number of eligible applicants, and the ability to meet funding criteria
- Grants will be paid upon proof of actual capital expenses and confirmation the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program grant criteria has been met
- Priority will be given to low-income seniors
- Work that has been approved for a grant is subject to inspection before funds are allocated

## HOW TO APPLY

**Grant Applications are available on-line at [simcoe.ca/age-friendly](http://simcoe.ca/age-friendly) or contact the County of Simcoe, Age-Friendly Project Lead at (705) 726-9300 extension 3127 to receive a copy via email.**

Please email your completed application with attachments to [agefriendly@simcoe.ca](mailto:agefriendly@simcoe.ca) by the closing date of **June 30, 2022**.

Note: Information in this Fact Sheet is subject to change from time to time at the discretion of the County of Simcoe.

Note: \$500,000 is the maximum amount available to distribute between all projects approved for funding.

Note: \$50,000 is the maximum amount available per eligible applicant



# 2022 AGE-FRIENDLY SENIORS HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM

## Application

### Section 1: Applicant Information

Homeowner    Developer    Other (please specify)

Last Name

First Name

If Developer/Other - Organization Name (if applicable):

Phone Number:

Cell Number:

E-mail Address:

Does the owner reside at this address? Yes  No

Are there any other owners? Yes  No  Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 2: Property Address

Number

Street

Unit/Suite/P.O. Box

City/Town

Province

Postal Code

#### Owner's Mailing Address *(If different than Property address)*

Number

Street

Unit/Suite/P.O. Box

City/Town

Province

Postal Code

### Section 3: Housing Type

Single Detached    Semi-Detached    Townhouse    Mobile/Modular Home    Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Seniors Apartment    Assisted Living    Co-housing    Supportive Housing

## Section 4: Scope of Work (Accessibility Modifications)

**Estimated Total Cost of Accessibility Modifications \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Do you currently receive in-kind support or any other subsidies from the County of Simcoe?  Yes  No

Have you previously received grants from the County of Simcoe?  Yes  No  
If you answered "Yes", what year was your previous Age-Friendly Seniors Housing grant received? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants who have already received funding from the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant in the past three (3) years are not eligible to apply.

**Note: All submissions require a signed application and declaration, two (2) professional/contractor estimates and current photo(s) of the area(s) to be improved.**

### Select Applicable Grant Category

(see Age-Friendly Housing Checklist for further details)

**Accessible Housing Design for seniors**

Does your home require renovations to make it easier to move about within and outside of your home? Some examples might be: ramps to an entranceway, handrails in hallways, stairs or in bathrooms, walk-in showers, wider door frames for walkers or wheelchairs, etc.

Definition: Under this stream, grants are provided for housing designs that support the following design elements: Universal Design, VISIBLE Homes, Community Design, and Inclusive Design for Getting Outdoors.

Please add details of your request below:

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**Accessible Design for People Suffering Dementia**

Does your home require items to aid those with Dementia? For example: better lighting, security to prevent wandering, directional signs, stairway markings, flooring improvements, etc.

Definition: Under this stream, grants are for housing design reflecting the best practices of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Housing Options for People Living with Dementia, Volumes 1, 2, 3 and/or in the criteria under the Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC) for Improving the Design of Housing to Assist People with Dementia.

Please add details of your request below:

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**Support Services for Older Adults**

For a housing complex, does it include common areas for meals, seniors programs, safety features for older adults with or without dementia, mobility aids such as walk-in showers, handrails, etc.?

Definition: Under this stream, grants are for the provision of capital projects for buildings that facilitate support services specifically for seniors, for example: congregate dining, etc.

Please add details of your request below:

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# 2022 AGE-FRIENDLY SENIORS HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM

## DECLARATION (applicant is an individual)

The applicant(s) for the Age Friendly Seniors Grant do(es) hereby:

- certify that all information contained in this application is true and complete in every respect.
- acknowledge that if the applicant knowingly makes a false declaration, the County of Simcoe shall have the right to cancel the approval and recover any paid funds.
- acknowledge that if the application is accepted it will not apply to work started or completed prior to final approval.
- authorize the County of Simcoe and/or its authorized representatives to contact the individual identified in Section 1 if clarification is necessary.
- consent to the collection, use, disclosure, transfer and exchange of information contained in this application for the purposes of verifying the validity and accuracy of the information provided and determining the eligibility of the applicant to receive the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant.

The undersigned has read, understood and agrees to the terms and conditions listed above.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Notice of collection, use and disclosure

Personal information is being collected on this form pursuant to Section 107 of the Municipal Act and will be used to determine your eligibility for the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program. Questions regarding the collection of this information and how it is used may be directed to the Age-Friendly Lead, County of Simcoe, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario L0L 1X0 (705)726-9300 ext. 3127.





# 2022 AGE-FRIENDLY SENIORS HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM

## DECLARATION (applicant is a corporation)

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The applicant has read, understood and agrees to the terms and conditions listed above.

Dated this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Legal name of applicant

Per: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

I have authority to bind the corporation

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# AGE-FRIENDLY SENIORS HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Applications are subject to funding availability.
- Grants will be awarded based on the number of eligible applicants and funding criteria.
- Funding will be paid upon receiving all eligible receipts and confirmation the Age-Friendly criteria has been met.
- Any modifications started or completed on the property prior to approval will not be eligible for the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant.
- If you are a homeowner, attach, at minimum, two quotations/estimates itemizing the work to be done
- \$500,000 is the maximum amount available to distribute between all eligible applicants that have been approved for funding.
- Note that work that has been approved a grant may be subject to inspection before funds are allocated
- \$50,000 is the maximum amount available per eligible applicant

## SUPPORTING MATERIAL

Applicants must submit supporting material with their application as follows:

- Completed and signed application
- Two (2) professional contractor estimates/quotes
- Current photos of area to be improved

**Please retain a copy of all materials submitted for your own records.** Note: the grant sub-committee will not return the material to the applicant.

Applications are received and reviewed by an Age-Friendly Seniors Grant sub-Committee and shared with the Simcoe County Age-Friendly Communities Advisory Committee for endorsement. Your application will be evaluated according to the evaluation criteria included in the guidelines. Note: The submission of an application does not in itself constitute any commitment on the part of the County of Simcoe, Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program.

The County of Simcoe will confirm receipt of your Application within five (5) business days of receipt. Please ensure you have a contact phone number or email address.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Closing date is June 30, 2022

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCESS

You may submit your application in any of the following ways:

- **Email** your completed Application, Declaration and all relevant documents to [agefriendly@simcoe.ca](mailto:agefriendly@simcoe.ca)
- **Hand-deliver** a copy of your completed Application, Declaration, and all relevant documents to the County of Simcoe Administration Centre Customer Service (address below)
- **Mail** a copy of your Application, Declaration and all relevant documents to the following address:

Attention: Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program  
Health and Emergency Service Department  
1110 Hwy. 26  
Midhurst, Ontario  
L9X 1N6

# EVALUATION PROCESS

**The Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Sub-Committee shall not be obliged to disclose the detailed evaluation scores of an applicant other than to the applicant whose score it is. Any evaluation carried out by the Sub-Committee shall be considered to be fair and accurate to all applicants for all purposes and shall not be subject to review by any court tribunal.**

**If the grant application contents, all requested documents and securities, are enclosed and found to be satisfactory, then members of the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Sub-Committee will receive a copy of each submission for review.**

The Age-Friendly grant submissions will be evaluated in accordance as part of a two (2) phase process as follows:

## **Phase 1:**

Grant submissions will be evaluated to determine if all the minimum eligibility criteria has been met. If minimum criteria is met, the submission will proceed to Phase 2. Submissions that do not meet the eligibility criteria will be removed from further evaluation or consideration.

## **Phase 2:**

Grant allotments will be based on a needs prioritization process in alignment with the County of Simcoe's Positive Aging Strategy: older Adults Strengthening our Communities and Planning Framework.

Evaluations will be based on the written grant submissions upon full completion of all sections of the application.

Once submissions have been evaluated, applicants will receive a letter of approval, partial-approval, or denial.

# AFC Housing Checklist



Health care increasingly important 

85% live in private dwellings while 8% live in collective dwellings. Meeting this demand will require adaptations to existing housing, home maintenance and support services (including personal care), friends and neighbors and increased reliance on both government and private service providers. This also means providing a continuum of housing choices in terms of location, forms of housing, types of tenure, living arrangements and range of support services that would allow older adults to continue to live independently and participate in their community for as long as possible. (CMHC2011)

## UNIVERSAL DESIGN:

Designers/builders must talk to and work with as many people with disabilities as possible. Principles of universal design encourage equity, intuitive, perceptible, flexibility, adaptability, safety and efficiency.

## VISITABLE HOMES:

Is an approach to house design that promotes the inclusion of a basic level of accessibility into all housing—enables everyone to get in and out of the house and be able to use a bathroom on the entrance level. Three basic access features: 1) zero step entry; 2) All main floor interior doors (including bathroom) feature a clear opening width of 810 mm (32 in.), but a clear space of at least 860mm (34 in.) is better. It's highly recommended to install 915-mm (36-in) wide doors to all rooms of a home; 3) At least a half-bath but preferably a full bath on the main floor complete with a 1,500mm (60 in) turning circle in the room. Vanity Design: The key to proper height placement of the countertop is to keep the counter to a minimum thickness. This maximizes the ability to keep the countertop low enough for those in wheelchairs to reach into the sink and to get underneath the counter. The front edge of the counter can also be in a contrasting color to assist individuals with limited vision. A bar located in front of the counter can assist those individuals with balance issues. It is recommended to have rounded edges around the sink/vanity to reduce risk of skin abrasions. (Accessible Housing by Design-CMHC 2011)

## INCLUSIVE DESIGN FOR GETTING OUTDOORS:

Identifies the most effective ways of ensuring the outdoor environment is designed inclusively and senior friendly. [http://www.idgo.ac.uk/useful\\_resources/publications.htm](http://www.idgo.ac.uk/useful_resources/publications.htm)

## COMMUNITY DESIGN:

An Accessible community includes access to public transportation, walkable community close to amenities, health, recreation and cultural facilities and a caring, supportive, safe neighborhood with adequate, affordable and accessible housing. Two key features in planning is to allow for sewer inverts made deep enough to allow for lower basements, and site grading that allows for easy no-step level entry construction. The best example of progressive planning for visitable housing has been achieved in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Bridgewater project. It helps to consult with a health professional (occupational therapist), an architect, and interior designer who is familiar with the design of accessible residences.



# Accessible Housing

Accessible housing refers to homes designed or modified to enable independent living for all residents, including seniors, persons with disabilities, or suffering from dementia.

## TOP 10 ADAPTATION FOR PEOPLE SUFFERING DEMENTIA

(Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC))

1. Double the usual levels of lighting in the home to help with visual impairments
  2. Pay attention to acoustics and reduce noise pollution to reduce possible agitation and confusion
  3. Ensure there is good signage mounted low enough for people who may be bent over using a walker or wheelchair
  4. Use contrast of tone rather than color to differentiate between walls, skirting boards, and floors. Ensure the tone of flooring/paving is consistent throughout the house as well as in the outside areas
  5. Use contrast colour or tone to make switches and objects easily visible
  6. Use objects or pictures rather than colours to differentiate between rooms and different parts of the building.
  7. Ensure kitchens and bathrooms are easy to understand
  8. Ensure people can see important rooms, such as the bathroom, as easily as possible, and that furniture and fittings clearly indicate the purpose of each room. Use unambiguous signage on the doors of rooms
  9. Place large and clear illuminated analogue clocks in each room indicating whether it is a.m. or p.m.
  10. Ensure doors, where possible, be visible on entering the dwelling to indicate clearly what is in each room. Cupboards should be glass-fronted or open to help people with dementia know what is in them.
- **Lighting** for older adults, whether they have dementia or not, should be twice what is usually required
  - When designing a new home, ensure all **doors** are immediately visible and, doors to key rooms, such as the bathroom, are easy to identify. Sliding doors should be avoided.
  - Consider **re-hanging bathroom doors** so they open outward. Dutch doors or a locked screen door, may allow someone to see outside but remain safely inside. Doors should contrast with the adjacent wall unless they are not meant to be accessed.
  - When using signs to help persons with dementia, it is important to ensure they are:
    - Consistent in style
    - Mounted with their lower edge no higher than 1.2 metres from the floor
    - Contrasted with the door or wall
    - Incorporate capital letters by lower case letters and include a graphic or photograph
    - Feature good contrast between the words, graphic and background; generally light lettering on a dark background is easier for people with a sight impairment to read.
    - Include directional signage if a location is not obvious
  - For older persons, unwanted and excessive noise can produce stress, anxiety, confusion, increased heart rate, blood pressure, fatigue, delayed wound healing, decreased weight gain, impaired immune function, and hearing loss.
    - Consider using acoustical ceiling and wall products, low pile carpeting or linoleum, and heavy curtains to help absorb noise
  - Avoid waxing and polishing floors. Shiny floors can cause glare, be confusing or disturbing, and dangerous/slippery. Floors should be one consistent tone that remains the same between rooms. Changes in tone could be misinterpreted as steps, increasing the risk of falling. Patterns should be avoided.
  - Several different cues, over and above building code requirements, may be needed to alert someone with dementia to stairs.
  - Installation of handrails in one of the most common home modifications, as it allows persons living with dementia to move around and helps the caregiver when assisting the person. Handrails should be graspable (e.g. diameter of 1.5 inches).
  - Maximize lighting using both strip lighting above kitchen surfaces and spotlights for task lighting. Speck surfaces should be avoided.

For more information, refer to: CMHC, *Housing Options for People living with Dementia, Volume 1 and 2.*

# Complementary Services & Amenities

Services and amenities that ideally should be located no more than half a kilometre from the proposed project site include:

- Supermarkets or grocery stores
- Other shopping and consumer service destinations such as dry cleaners, drug stores, coffee shops or restaurants
- Banks and post office
- A public Transit stop
- Hairdressers and barbers
- Seniors' social clubs
- Recreation or community centers

Services and facilities that ideally should be located no more than one and a half kilometres from proposed project site include:

- Medical, dental and other health service providers
- Places of worship
- Libraries
- Shopping centres
- Financial services such as accountants and tax advisors
- Travel agencies
- Parks and green spaces
- Theatres and other cultural venues

## PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark and Netherlands have been building multi-generational projects. The view is that seniors thrive in an environment where they can mix freely with people of all ages. These projects are often created in partnership with private sector, government, faith groups and other non-profit groups. Example: In Switzerland, five apartment buildings with 75 units each. The mix of residents includes singles, couples, families and senior citizens. The environment promotes an independent living style with barrier-free development and safety features such as well-lit common areas and non-slip tiles. Services and amenities are located nearby. Walking trails link each building to a nursery school, cafeteria, garden, and recreation area.

## PROXIMITY TO SERVICES/AMENITIES IS VITAL

For older Canadians, the ability to participate in community activities, engage with friends and family, and safely attend to daily shopping and other needs is vitally important to maintaining their independence and quality of life. Services and amenities, including public transit, should, therefore, be close by or easily accessible.

# Housing Types

## INDEPENDENT LIVING AND ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

This is targeted to seniors who require minimal or no assistance with their daily living needs. This type of development often takes the form of adult lifestyle communities that frequently combine housing with recreational amenities such as golf course, hiking trails, club houses or tennis courts. Independent Living can take any number of forms from detached homes to units within multi-storey apartment buildings forming part of a larger seniors' community. Although the most common options are freehold ownership or rental, many independent living projects are developed by sponsors as condominiums or common-element condominiums where homeowners own freehold land and the freehold buildings on the land but share one or more common elements such as a road, swimming pool, park.

Many independent living projects are developed as for-profit equity co-operatives. What sets cooperatives apart is that they are democratic communities where the residents make decision on how the co-operative operates. Owners of an equity co-op own shares of the corporation and a proprietary lease or right to occupy a particular unit within the project. Unlike a condo, owners of an equity co-op do not acquire a deed to a particular unit. The developer sees the project to completion, sells the shares to the co-op and does not retain any residual interest.

Non-share or non-profit co-ops also exist. Many non-profit co-ops are developed by charitable and affinity groups. They differ from equity co-op insofar as members do not acquire an ownership stake and cannot sell their shares. Occupancy in a non-profit co-op is similar to a conventional rental agreement, although residents, as members participate in the business and operation of the co-op., including electing the board of directors, approving budget and maintaining the development.

Life Lease projects is a legal agreement that permits the purchaser to occupy a dwelling unit for life or until the agreement is ended, in exchange for a lump sum payment (entrance fee) and a monthly payment to cover project management fees, maintenance costs and operating expenses. Some sponsors of independent living projects; especially when built near an existing retirement home or long-term care facility may offer the residents the opportunity to purchase a basic service package as an add-on to the rental or condominium fee. (CMHC Volume 2)

## ASSISTED LIVING ACCOMMODATION

For seniors who need or want more personal and healthcare services. Supports such as social and physical activities and other recreational activity. Most are focused on meeting daily needs, such as meal preparation, housekeeping and laundry. Other forms of assisted living place more emphasis on personal and health care services, such as bathing, grooming, dressing and taking medication. The accommodation is designed for people who require only minimal to moderate care in order to live independently, although 24-hour supervision and emergency response are customarily included.

Accommodation usually consists of rental units within an apartment building, although in some cases it can take the form of a small group residence, commonly known as co-housing.

The most common form of assisted living accommodation is the retirement residence or retirement home. Retirement residences play the most significant role in the seniors' housing industry across Canada. Most retirement residences are privately owned and operated, but some are owned and operated by municipal governments or non-profit organizations such as faith groups, seniors' organizations, service clubs and cultural groups.

## CO-HOUSING

Co-housing represents a small niche market opportunity with unique characteristics. In this model, individuals come together to work with a developer. The future residents of a project contribute to the design and help shape the development. By providing equity down payments early in the development process, co-housing participants help a developer minimize risk. An added benefit is that the project is less likely to attract objectors because the future residents have a stake in the project.

## SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Another type of housing that can be developed for seniors is supportive housing. Supportive housing helps seniors and others who need additional services, such as individuals with disabilities, in their daily living by combining a physical environment that is specifically designed to be safe, secure, enabling and home-like with support services such as personal care, meals, housekeeping, and social and recreational activities.

This arrangement allows residents to maximize their independence, privacy, dignity and decision-making abilities. Supportive housing may be developed by the for-profit, not-for-profit or public sector—or through partnerships between these sectors. It can be made available in a range of tenure types, such as rental, leasehold, condominium and life lease. It is also possible to combine different tenure types in individual projects.

## LONG-TERM CARE HOMES

Long-term care homes are designed for people who can no longer live independently and require 24-hour nursing care and supervision, sometimes within a secure setting when necessary to safeguard residents with Alzheimer's or other types of dementia. Long-term care homes offer more personal care and support than that offered by retirement residences and other forms of supportive housing.

Long-term care homes are subject to government regulation and typically require a licence to operate. In return, sponsors receive some form of fixed government funding, calculated on a per diem basis, to provide accommodation and health care services. In most cases, residents may be expected to pay a government-regulated co-payment for their accommodation, which covers basic services such as meals, housekeeping, laundry, property maintenance and administration. The exception is for residents with very low incomes who cannot afford the cost of basic accommodation. In these instances, the co-payments are generally paid by the province or health authority for the area in which the long-term care facility is located.

## “OTHER” TYPES OF HOUSING FOR SENIORS

- Intergenerational co-housing community for residents of all ages
- Senior co-housing condominium homes
- Seniors living with and assisting in rehab to disabled children and adults

## RURAL DEVELOPMENTS

Sponsors of rural developments may have to provide a more extensive range of “in-house” programs and services, as there will typically be few other providers in the immediate community who can offer such services. The cost implications of these decisions must of course be factored into the financial feasibility analysis.

The market for a housing project aimed at an older population will have a relatively narrow geographic draw. The draw widens if the project is linked to a club, cultural group or other distinct body representing a well-defined, less geographically limited community, or if amenities such as recreational facilities associated with active adult housing have their own separate appeal.

Although situations can vary, the following location and neighbourhood selection considerations apply generally to the seniors’ market:

- neighbourhoods with diverse populations, housing types, and community services and facilities will more likely address the varied demands of the older market;
- proximity to public transit and easy access to nearby community services and facilities can substantially increase the convenience and independence of residents; and,
- attractive, visually stimulating environments, enriched by pleasant physical features
- are likely to have a positive effect on residents’ day-to-day quality of life.

## OVERVIEW OF WHO HOUSING FINDINGS

**There is a link between appropriate housing and access to community and social services in influencing the independence and quality of life of older people.**

1. **Affordability:** Cost of housing is a major factor influencing where older people live and their quality of life. If not affordable it makes it difficult to move to appropriate housing on a fixed income.
2. **Essential Services:** Essential services must be adequate and not expensive.
3. **Design:** It is considered important for older people to live in accessible accommodation.
4. **Access to Services:** Living close to services and amenities is also vital.
5. **Community and Family Connections:** Familiar surroundings whereby people feel part of a local community. Multi-generational spaces for interaction, front verandas.
6. **Housing Options:** A range of barrier-free and accessible housing options in the local area to accommodate changing needs is an important age-friendly feature.
7. **Living Arrangements:** It is important for older people to have sufficient space and privacy at home. Feeling safe in the home environment is another theme.
8. **Transportation:** In close proximity to living arrangements.

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# Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Survey

The County of Simcoe is committed to an “Age-Friendly Community” that places the needs of seniors at the forefront of planning. Our goal is to facilitate the creation of a community where seniors can enjoy good health and happiness while remaining in their homes as long as possible.

We sincerely value your feedback! Please note: your comments will remain anonymous and will only be used for age-friendly community planning.

**1) How did you hear about this program?**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media (Facebook, Twitter) | <input type="checkbox"/> Simcoe.ca                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Press Release                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify _____ |

**2) How long have you been living in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ years**

**3) If other types of supports were available to you through the County of Simcoe, what type of support would be the most beneficial? Please specify:**

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**4) Please select areas of improvement that you are benefiting from by making accessibility modifications in your home:**

- Increases autonomy
- Provides security doing activities at home
- Increases comfort for doing activities at home
- Improves quality of life at home
- Allows for access to other rooms

**5) Are there other comments you would like to share?**

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