



Generations: Multi-Generational Housing & Community Centre Calgary, Alberta

Generations, a Multi-Generational Housing (MGH) project was launched in 2007 during the Golden Jubilee of Mawlana Hazar Imam. This multi-phase development was undertaken to provide the aged in our community with a continuum of care to support both their mental and physical health as well as their daily living needs.

The *Generations* campus provides a best-in-class model for the creation of an age friendly community that facilitates intergenerational interaction and knowledge sharing between young families and the elderly. The vision for this 6.4-acre campus, located in Skyview Ranch Community, is to offer programming and facilities that will provide all residents with appropriate physical, medical, social, emotional, and spiritual care.

Each phase of the *Generations* campus serves as a key component of the fully integrated site, which operates based on both an aging-in-place and community-centric model. With best-in-class practices in continuing care, assisted living, affordable housing, and volunteer engagement, the campus aspires to improve the quality of life for both the *Generations* residents and the surrounding community.

Phase I Independent Seniors Housing (Operating since November 2012)

The facility opened its doors in 2012 with 40 one-and-two-bedroom affordable seniors' rental units for independent living. Of these 40 units, 5 are barrier free for individuals requiring mobility access. Currently, the first phase is fully occupied by 55 residents with diverse backgrounds, between the ages of 55 and 90.

Over the past few years, trained volunteers with professional expertise have delivered programming that addresses the needs of the residents. All programs, services and seminars are conducted in the common social space within the housing complex. Some examples of programming include: physical fitness classes, lecture presentations on nutrition, and social events such as birthdays and festivals. One of the programs that supports intergenerational interaction includes a visit from the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts who engage with the residents on service initiatives. There is also programming in place that engages the families of the residents in the care of their loved ones.

After nearly 5 years of operations, the first phase of the *Generations* campus has been a success and is a solid foundation for the upcoming phase II development, which will break ground this fall. The independent living space is financially self-sustaining and has improved the quality of life of a large number of the aged in our community.



Phase II Assisted Living and Long-Term Care + Dementia Units for Seniors

Construction of the second phase of the *Generations* campus has begun and is anticipated to be complete in early 2019.

Phase II of the *Generations* campus will consist of 120 continuing care units (assisted living and long-term care), including 31 for residents with dementia. The second phase also includes a multi-purpose community centre, adult day-stay wellness programs and an Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre which will integrate intergenerational programming and encourage volunteer engagement.

The *Generations* site has been designed for connectivity, both within the Skyview Ranch Community green spaces and within the site to enable strong social connections within the broader community. Phase II of *Generations* will continue to build on the vision of creating a community centric aging in place environment for seniors within a community.

Phase III Family Housing (Conceptual design is underway)

To complete the vision of a holistic multi-generational community, the final phase of *Generations* will consist of affordable multi-family housing. Phase III residents will have access to the amenities housed in phase II, including the Early Childhood Development centre. In keeping with the vision for the campus, these shared amenities will facilitate increased connectivity and interaction between all the residents regardless of their age.