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Intergenerational Housing Project Opens in Ottewell

Edmonton, AB – September 30, 2015 – Three years after construction began, Ottewell Terrace is getting ready for its grand opening celebration. This vision for an affordable seniors' apartment combined with a children's daycare became a reality thanks to generous donors and an \$8.1 million Affordable Housing Grant GEF Seniors Housing received from Alberta Seniors.

The Ottewell Community Campus features Ottewell Terrace, a new 54-unit affordable seniors' apartment that links to the existing Ottewell Place Lodge, and a 6,000 sq. ft. day care centre. GEF entered into a unique partnership with Primrose Place, a local childcare operator that provides space for up to 78 children to receive day care services through an integrated service delivery model. Residents and tenants enjoy intergenerational activities as part of the children's day care program.

"The energetic dynamic created by having children among seniors will allow our two not-for-profit organizations to benefit and enhance the quality of life for these intergenerational groups," states Raymond Swonek, CEO of GEF Seniors Housing. "This partnership marks a milestone in our Organization and one we will model for future developments that will provide affordable housing for more Edmonton seniors."

The Grand Opening will take place on Wednesday September 30, 2015 at 2:00 PM. Ottewell Terrace is located at 6315 – 92 Avenue. Media is invited to attend.

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