

## Employees

GEF is on the **Best Employer** list for the **10<sup>th</sup> year**

**516** Employees work at GEF



KINCENTRIC<sup>®</sup> Best Employer

CANADA 2019

**144** employees have worked with GEF for **10** years or longer

Our **Best Employer** engagement score is **83%**

## Tenants and Residents

**3,616** seniors live with GEF



**1,513** seniors applied for housing last year

**83** residents are over age **95**



The majority of our tenants and residents are between the ages of **71-80**

**377** GEF seniors live on less than **\$20,000** per year



"I raced motorcycles and competed in a race in Japan." *Male Tenant*

The oldest GEF resident is **104** years old



Tenants and residents enjoyed **305** bus outings



Lodge residents ate the weight of **43** pickup trucks of potatoes

The Community Support team worked with **252** new clients

"For now, I am completely happy here. It feels like I've been given a new lease on life." *GEF Tenant*

and on **1,177** cases

"Now, I live with a sense of serenity. I'm actually able to sleep now because I feel so safe." *GEF Resident*

## Quality of Life

GEF Seniors Housing marked a very special milestone in 2019 – celebrating 60 years of creating caring communities in Edmonton.

From its original four buildings to 42 lodges, apartments and duplexes today, GEF is privileged to be part of the journey of thousands of low-income Edmonton seniors since 1959.

I'm immensely grateful to have led an engaged Board of Directors and appreciative of the leadership role we offer in ensuring our seniors have a welcoming, safe place to call home.

We're proud of how GEF Seniors Housing is working to positively influence the quality of life of our residents, as reflected in our latest Community Report. Behind the impressive numbers in this report are countless stories of professionalism, care, compassion and fun. Our GEF family is proud to include more than 500 dedicated staff who are deeply committed to living our mission of being leaders in friendly, affordable, secure housing and

services for seniors. Their extraordinary efforts are integral in providing a high quality of living for 3,600 tenants and residents, day in and day out.

As careful financial stewards, GEF Seniors Housing works to optimize every dollar it receives in public funding or from gracious donors. In the years ahead, more Albertans than ever are going to need safe, secure, affordable housing in their later years. This reality will challenge governments, communities and organizations to make appropriate investments and work in partnership. GEF Seniors Housing stands ready to support those efforts.

The fact that you're holding this report means you care our seniors live with supportive and caring staff in safe, clean buildings. Thank you for joining us as we embark on expanding our efforts over the next 60 years!

*Karen Lynch*

**Karen Lynch, Board Chair**  
GEF Seniors Housing

## Community Report 2019



**GEF** 60 YEARS  
Seniors Housing

## Volunteers

We have **599** tenant and resident volunteers



Our **772** volunteers donated nearly **50,000** hours in 2019

We have **173** community volunteers



GEF seniors knitted more than **8,000** items for charity

"I was a radar operator during World War II." *Female Resident*