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Fulfilling Dreams of Continuing Care Residents

New initiative grants wishes to elderly people

EDMONTON—A new initiative called Second Wind Dreams grants wishes to residents at the Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre. A ***kick-off barbecue on Tuesday, July 11 at 12 noon on the Centre's rooftop garden (6Y)*** will announce the new initiative. The Edmonton General is home to 430 residents who require 24 hour care.

Initiated by the Edmonton General's Family and Community Advisory Council, Second Wind Dreams supports activities and events of modest cost but significant impact—such as connecting with a long lost friend, reuniting with a family member, reliving a past experience, going to a concert, or being pampered in a spa.

“Our hope is that we can create a sense of fun and encourage involvement,” says Diane Berge, Chair of the Family and Community Advisory Council. “Continuing care centres like the Edmonton General are wonderful places to build connections and community. Second Wind Dreams will give residents the opportunity to have meaningful experiences they've always dreamed of.”

Ten (10) residents and their families have been invited to the barbecue. Councillor Michael Phair will be on hand to help serve guests.

Media are welcome to attend.

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The Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre is part of Caritas Health Group, Alberta's largest faith-based provider of care which also includes the Grey Nuns and Misericordia Community Hospitals. As a Catholic organization with a 111-year tradition of holistic, compassionate care, Caritas serves people of all faiths and tradition. Caritas Health Group is a valued partner in care for the Capital Health region.

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