

The
VILLAGE



Dear 'FRIEND',

Over the past five years, as I was envisioning The Village Langley, I dreamed that we could create a unique 'Village Community' where people with changed physical and cognitive abilities could each live their own best life, through the support of highly trained team members and by being engaged in meaningful ways with other community members.

We realized for this to happen, we would require everyone involved with The Village to have a common understanding of dementia and how best to support people on their dementia journey. We could see the immense value of having people from the 'outside' community connect and engage with the people 'inside' The Village. We also knew that these connections needed to happen in a way that ensured the safety and security of the 'Villagers'. As a result, we have created a new, non-profit organization called **Friends of The Village Society**, as the vehicle to achieve this.

We are asking that all people who wish to regularly engage and connect with our 'Villagers' become members or 'Friends' of The Village. Whether you wish to drop in to socialize, participate in a program, join a Club, attend a special event, or apply for a volunteer role or position, we feel it is important that you become a member of the Friend of The Village Society. To become a member, we ask that you commit to doing two things:

1. Attend a two-hour workshop on 'Understanding The Village Difference' and how to best support the people at The Village who are living with dementia.
2. Pay a small annual membership fee which will go toward off setting some of the cost to provide the education sessions as well as help us to cover some of the cost to administer the Society.

As a 'Friend', beside the personal satisfaction of helping Villagers live their own best life, and having a 'good day', you will receive the following benefits:

- Opportunity to participate as a Village Volunteer in a defined volunteer role.
- A personal name badge identifying you as a "Friend of The Village".
- Access to the Oakwood Community Center, during Open Hours.
- Opportunity to participate in ongoing programs, events and Clubs in the Community Centre.
- Discount on any of our educational courses and workshops.
- Voting privileges at the Friends of the Village Society's AGMs.

If you wish to join us on our journey to demonstrate a better way to support and enrich the lives of people living with dementia, we ask that you complete our Membership Application Form, which is attached. Your participation is both needed and welcomed.

I thank you for your support and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elroy Jespersen'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Elroy Jespersen
President, Friends of The Village Society