

The Vine

“KEEPING US UNITED”



John and Kay Millar

Growing Together: A Community That Grows with You



Peter & Elfrieda Funk

As our community has grown, so too have the housing options available to older adults.

This month, we're pleased to highlight two couples whose stories demonstrate the value of having a continuum of care all within one connected community.

John and Kay Millar first made their home at Vineland Park Estates, where they lived for 15 years before moving to independent living at Orchard View Apartments approximately six years ago. Earlier this year, as their care needs changed, Kay transitioned to a supportive living suite at Orchard View where she could access additional assistance, while John moved into United Mennonite Home Long-Term Care to receive the higher level of support he required.

"John and I quickly came to feel that we were part of the community and knew we made the right move at the right time. As our needs have changed over the years, we've continued to feel supported and cared for, with the ability to transition seamlessly from independent living to higher levels of care while remaining on the same campus. Most importantly, we've been able to stay as close together as possible as a couple throughout those transitions, giving us both comfort and peace of mind". - Kay Millar

Peter and Elfrieda Funk also began their journey at Vineland Park Estates (Simons Lane), where they happily lived for 13 years. This past January, they chose to downsize and move to Orchard View Apartments, where they continue to enjoy independent living with the reassurance that additional support is available whenever they may need it. Peter also shares a unique connection to our organization, having served on the original board of the United Mennonite Home in the 1950s.

"Elfrieda and I moved to Simons Lane in 2013. Earlier this year, we transitioned to Orchard View Apartments. Being able to move within the same community made that change much easier, allowing us to remain in a familiar environment while finding a home that better suited this stage of our lives. The support we received throughout the transition was exceptional. The cooperation, guidance, and kindness of the staff made the move smooth and reassuring. Their friendliness and genuine concern continue to make life here comfortable and enjoyable." - Peter Funk

The stories of John and Kay, and Peter and Elfrieda, reflect the vision that has guided our community for generations: providing a place where seniors can remain connected, supported, and at home as their needs change, while having the freedom to choose the living option that best meets their individual needs and preferences. We are grateful to walk alongside our residents throughout every stage of life's journey.



Kathleen C
July 24th



Catherine Naykalyk
Blossom 105

Thank you for your cooperation!



2026 Tenant Satisfaction Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2026 Tenant Satisfaction Surveys. We greatly appreciate the time our tenants took to share their experiences and suggestions. This year, we received 28 completed surveys from tenants living in both our Independent Living Apartments and our Supportive Housing Program.

We are pleased to report that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Across both programs, tenants expressed a high level of satisfaction with the care, services, and living environment at Orchard View. Every respondent in both surveys said they feel safe in their home, and all indicated they would recommend Orchard View or our Supportive Housing Program to a friend or neighbour.

Our dedicated staff received exceptional praise throughout the surveys. Tenants described staff as "helpful, friendly, compassionate, professional," and thanked them for their excellent care and support. Many tenants commented on the welcoming atmosphere, noting that Orchard View feels like "a big family" and is a safe, comfortable place to call home.

Supportive Housing tenants reported being well informed about available services, with all respondents indicating the program successfully supports their independence while meeting their care needs. Independent Living residents also expressed confidence that additional support is available should their needs change in the future.

Tenants also shared positive feedback about our social programs, emergency response system (Life Line), cleanliness of the building, and contracted services such as foot care, blood work, exercise programs, and hairdressing. Several tenants specifically appreciated the addition of new social outings and concerts, as well as the prompt and caring response provided through the emergency response system.

As always, tenants provided thoughtful suggestions to help us continue improving. Areas identified included transportation to medical appointments, visibility and lighting at the parking lot entrance, visitor parking signage, minor dining room improvements, building maintenance items, and ideas for enhancing recreational programming. We value these comments and will review them as part of our ongoing quality improvement process.

Thank you again to everyone who completed a survey. Your feedback helps us celebrate what we are doing well while guiding future improvements. We remain committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and supportive community where residents can enjoy independence, dignity, and an excellent quality of life.



supporting senior
wellness 



CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays at 10:30am
Terrace Hall



EXERCISE CLASS

Wednesdays at 10:45am
Fridays at 1:00pm
Orchard View Auditorium



Trishaw Biking

Mondays at 10am
Meet in OVA
Lobby or sign-up
with Jessica.

To book a private
session at an
alternate time you
are welcome to
contact Volunteer
Lorraine Lopes at
(905)327-3378

OUTDOOR COMMUNITY CONCERT



Featuring Brad Boland

Thursday, July 30th @7pm

Bring a lawn chair and join us in the
grassy area at the end of Simon's Lane

Free Will Offering Accepted.

Tech Time

Free Tech support for Older Adults

July 17th @1pm
Aug 21st @1pm
Oct 9th @9:30am
Nov 13th @9:30am
Dec 4th @9:30am

Located in the 3rd floor Games Lounge
at Twenty Valley Terrace.

Hosted By:



All you can eat TACO TUESDAY

& Jeopardy Night

In the Terrace Hall!

TUESDAY, JULY 21ST
\$20 per person - Guests Welcome

Volunteers needed the day before
from 1-3pm to assist with prep &
set-up.

Sign up sheet outside Jessica's office
OR email jgrabell@umh.ca or call Ext 2504
Cash or cheques payable to Orchard View Apartments

Deadline to Sign-up: Thurs, July 16th.



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@ Twenty Valley Terrace

Donations to the Active Living Fund can be made by scanning the QR code provided here, through our website www.umh.ca/donations, or by cash or cheque at the main office.

Please make cheques payable to Orchard View Apartments and specify the donation is for the Active Living Fund.

Tenants: If you prefer to skip the free-will offering line, online donations are a convenient option. They also eliminate the need to remember to bring cash to events, should you choose to make a donation.

Coffee Social
Wednesdays @ 10am
Second Floor Lounge

ACTIVE LIVING CAMPAIGN



The Active Living Fund provides sustainable financial support for year-round programming that promotes active living and preventive health maintenance for older adults across all levels of care in our community - including those living in Supportive Housing and independent living.

This fund helps remove financial barriers without creating marginalization, ensuring that programming remains accessible, inclusive, and meaningful for all tenants, regardless of health status or income level.



| Here, **everyone** belongs.

For more information or to make a donation, scan the QR Code:



OR CONTACT JESSICA GRABELL,
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THURSDAY, JULY 9TH
DEPARTURE: 9:45AM RETURN: APPROX. 4:00PM
MAX 1 GUEST PER TENANT



THANK
you



A huge thank you goes out to volunteers **Aggie Hyma** and her sister **Grace Rempel** for taking on the extraordinary task of designing and planting flowers for our planters on the balcony, on the patio in the courtyard, and the gardens! We truly appreciate your hard work and efforts that truly spruced up our gardens.

We would also like to thank **Midway Garden Centre** for donating a portion of the flowers for this project!



Welcome
new Volunteers!

Darrell Janzen



Wheelchair Expedition

Please join us for our next Wheelchair Expedition on Friday July 31st at 10:30am.

(Weather permitting)

Please sign up with Pamela Kohut at volunteer@umh.ca or at any nurse's station.

Families are asked to meet us in the courtyard with their loved one at 10:15am. We will be walking down Simon's Lane, through the park and meet back in the courtyard for refreshments.

Volunteering Across Campus:

UMH Volunteers, contact:

Pamela at volunteer@umh.ca or 905-562-3711 ext. 5008

OVA Volunteers, contact:

Jessica at jgrabell@umh.ca or 905-562-3711 ext. 2504





Ever travel across this great country we call Canada? Just as the Canadian landscape spans oceans, mountains, and prairies, our communities span diverse cultures and languages. Maybe not the melting pot we all envisioned, but certainly a great place to live and raise a family. For many of us here at United Mennonite Home, the memories and freedoms we have experienced living in Canada makes us one of the most blessed people groups on earth. As we acknowledge these blessings, we also acknowledge God as the author of such blessings. In fact, we pray and ask God for His blessings every time we sing our National Anthem, when we sing the words "God keep our land glorious and free."

However, in asking God to bless us, we also acknowledge that we also play a part in keeping Canada blessed by God. Consider anew the words of God through the prophet Micah (6:18) "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Personally, I think we all can do a little better with Justice, Mercy and Grace, especially when it comes to how we treat each other and how we treat those who think differently than we do. You can't ask God to bless you if you in turn won't bless others. In fact, it the key to keeping us great, glorious and free.

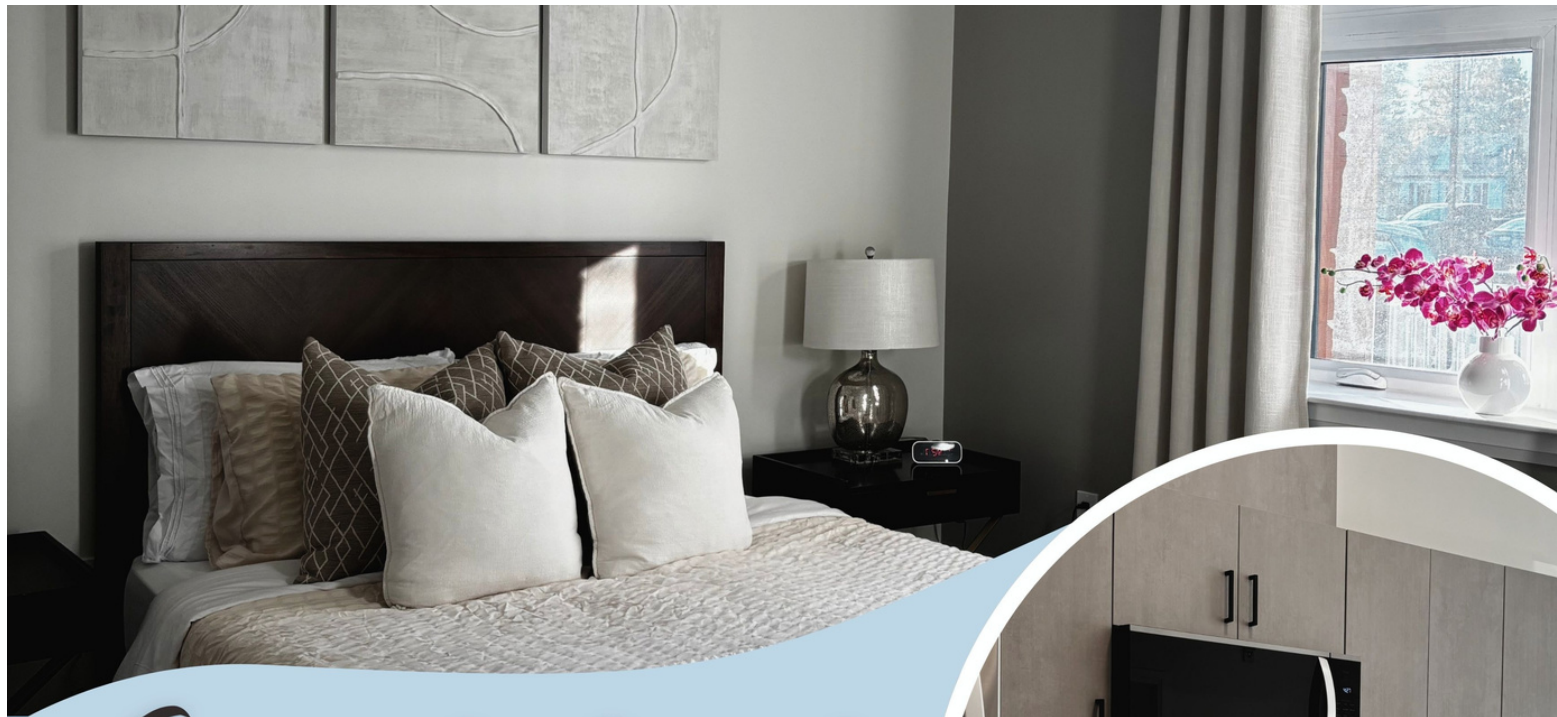
Happy Canada Day! 🍁

The Chaplains



UNITED MENNONITE HOME FOR THE AGED LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

United Mennonite Home acknowledges that we are gathered on the shared traditional lands of the Anishinaabe (pronounced: ah-nish-naw-bay) and Haudenosaunee (pronounced: ho-deh-neh-show-nee). We offer our sincere gratitude to them as the stewards of this land, which is protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement's three principles: to take only what you need, leave enough for others, and always keep the dish clean. Today, many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities from across Turtle Island continue to live and work in this territory. Acknowledging the peoples whose territory we are on, and the agreements that guide their stewardship of the land, reminds us to reflect on and respect their unique relationship to this land. It also is an invitation for all of us to identify and engage in actions that respect and reinforce our commitments to Truth and Reconciliation and Indigenous Rights.



Guest Suite

Our Guest Suite at Twenty Valley Terrace is available for short-term stays by those connected to our campus community.

Whether you're welcoming out-of-town family, hosting friends, or accommodating loved ones visiting residents, our comfortable guest suite offers a convenient place to stay—just steps away!

All Honorariums collected are reinvested back into enhancing resident programs and services.

Features:

- Comfortable, private accommodations including full kitchen, laundry, private balcony, and three piece bath.
- Convenient on-campus location.
- Affordable nightly rate.
- Ideal for families and friends visiting residents

Who Can Book?

- Individuals associated with our campus including family, friends, and visitors of residents and tenants.



For Availability, Rates, or Reservations,
Contact (905) 562-1458



HERITAGE BAZAAR



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

More Details To Come Soon!

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