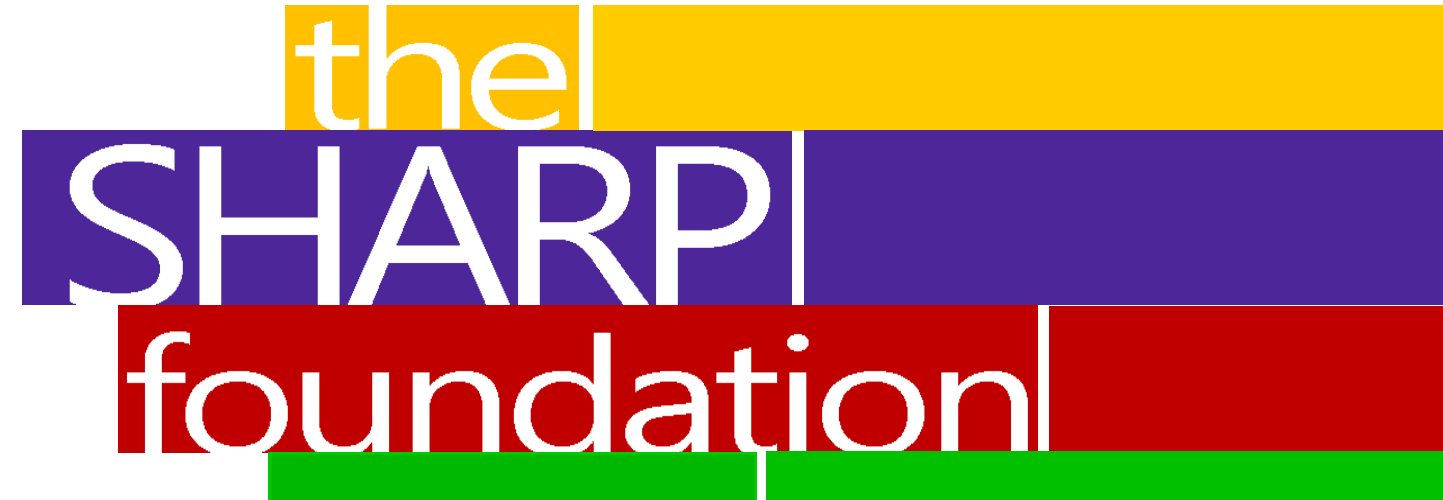


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## Dear Friends,

The SHARP Foundation continues to forge ahead in realizing its goals to ensure that the most vulnerable in our community living with HIV will have housing and supports appropriate to their needs. It has also been continually building on its vision as we are impacted by the changes in technology, science and community need.

After five years of planning, negotiating and raising funds we successfully started our newest program, Carlyle Commons. This is an independent-living program named in memory of SHARP Board Member (2003–2011), Jeff Carlyle who passed away suddenly in the Fall of 2011. This project was important to Jeff who believed strongly in ensuring all persons aging with HIV are provided housing and supports that keep them healthy and independent for as long as possible. ‘Commons’ is being used to reflect an environment of sharing the gifts that the community can offer to all its citizens.—a place that is free, democratic and respectful. This goal is being achieved after clients began moving into one of Calgary’s most innovative, integrated and sustainable housing developments, Lumino, a partnership of Calgary Housing Company and Kanas Corporation. SHARP clients are taking the lead in creating a truly inclusive community with coffee mornings, breakfasts and other activities.

SHARP continues to support those of us who have such complex medical and psycho-social needs and face multiple barriers to service. We have become a recognized leader in providing care for those in our community who so many others have given up on. We have been acknowledged for our unique model of integrated care at forums like the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association’s Congress and the North American HIV and Housing Research Summit in 2013.

As mentioned last year SHARP, in partnership with Alberta Health Services—Harm Reduction, is developing on-line training for public and community service providers on how to work with individuals presenting complex health/behavioural issues. The goal of this training is to provide frontline community and public workers with the information they need to better understand, empathize with, and care for individuals/patients with complex health and social needs. Frontline workers will be introduced to the main barriers to providing competent, compassionate, equitable, and ethical care. These barriers include: a lack of sensitivity (cultural and personal stigma/judgment/bias) and a lack of knowledge of the various physical, social, emotional, and mental issues that affect individuals with complex health and social needs. Throughout year one we expanded community awareness and engagement in this project and we are excited to begin the on-line production.

Although we have achieved a great deal in the past few years, we know there is still much to do. With the help of our community partners, supporters and funders we will be addressing the increased number of referrals for “Beswick Care” including the development of another long-term care facility. This is largely due to the aging of persons living with HIV; and the unique and sometimes unknown challenges it presents

SHARP is much more than a community-based service, it’s a family! One where everyone supports each other to provide the best living and working environment possible! We could not do this without incredible staff, volunteers and partners who continue to support us in improving the lives of our clients. We extend our grateful appreciation to all our clients who trust us to keep their best interests at heart and inspire us in wanting to make a difference.

Sincerely,

Gerry Hart, Board President

Floyd Visser, Executive Director

*“We turn Despair into Hope”*

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