



ABBEYFIELD CANADA LEGACY FUND LAUNCHED TO PROMOTE AFFORDABLE, COMMUNITY-BASED HOUSING FOR SENIORS

July 13, 2018 - Toronto ON: As part of its commitment to provide affordable housing for independent seniors, Abbeyfield Canada – a registered charitable organization - is proud to announce the creation of the *Abbeyfield Canada Legacy Fund*. Placed under the professional fund management of the Ottawa Community Foundation, Abbeyfield Canada’s goal is to raise \$5 million over the next five-to-seven years.

“Abbeyfield is an inspiring idea. It has become synonymous with more affordable, respectful and dignified living for seniors in small, friendly, home-like settings that offer companionship, security and independence,” noted Jim Galloway, President. “As more Canadians have an opportunity to learn about Abbeyfield, we hope they will embrace the concept and want to establish an Abbeyfield for their community.”

The need for alternative, affordable senior housing in Canada is only going to increase over time. As we age our housing needs change, and for many seniors these changes can pose serious challenges. Increased isolation is common among older people, but so too is the issue of affordability. Faced with the growing realities of an aging population, governments, agencies and communities are now realizing that adequate and affordable housing alternatives must be sought.

“This is a pivotal moment in the Abbeyfield Canada story because we have the opportunity to make a difference for countless Canadian seniors,” stated Denis Laframboise, Chair, Fundraising Committee. “The Abbeyfield concept – which focusses on seniors who have fixed incomes or are isolated and unable to interact with their community - offers Canadian seniors a housing model like no other and one that is worthy of more attention and support.”

The *Abbeyfield Canada Legacy Fund* will enable us to continue our volunteer work to raise awareness of our housing model, and through outreach and coaching assist communities in the development of affordable housing for seniors.

To learn more about Abbeyfield Canada or to inquire about sponsorship and partnership opportunities, please contact Daniel H. Tessier-Young at director@abbeyfield.ca or at 905.864.0100.

Abbeyfield Canada is part of a growing international network with hundreds of Abbeyfield Houses in Australia, Belgium, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom. There are now twenty Abbeyfield Houses in Canada housing about 300 residents.