



December 20, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Participants,

It is truly my pleasure to bring you Christmas greetings on behalf of Sherbrooke. Although we are entering our second Christmas season in a Covid-19 world, we do hope the season is filled with family, friends and plenty of generosity.

The past year has seen many challenges for our Elders, staff and families, but we have also seen our community come together in difficult times. Our Kinsmen and Veterans Villages unfortunately went through Covid-19 outbreaks this year that tested everyone's resiliency. We mourn those residents who passed away during these outbreaks but are also grateful for the support and comradery shown by staff, residents and families which helped to keep spirits bright during dark moments.

Connectedness and joy are two of Eden Alternative® philosophy's seven domains of well-being and we definitely experienced both this past year. The summer months were filled with residents reconnecting with family and friends as well as with the greater community. It was wonderful seeing the front patio filled with residents and families visiting while enjoying live music, and we were thrilled to start up our buses and take residents to events like the Imagine Van Gogh exhibition, the Roar of the Rings curling championships and the Labour Day Classic in Regina.

The hot and dry summer did not stop our residents from working to create beautiful garden boxes and green spaces throughout our grounds. With the help of families, staff and volunteers, the joy of gardening spread like wildflowers in our community and was even celebrated in a video produced by the Saskatoon Horticultural Society.

As we enter the winter months, we are grateful that, unlike last year, residents can have visitors this Christmas. Our staff also have some very special Christmas events planned that we know will bring joy and meaning to residents during this special time of year.

The momentum of the holidays will carry over into 2022 when we begin celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We plan on celebrating safely throughout next year and can't wait to share the excitement with you.

I want to thank you for all of the support, cooperation and kindness you have shown our community this year. You have shown respect in following our visitor guidelines and understanding that at the root of all of our decisions is the health and well-being of residents. Your support continues to uplift our spirits and we thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. May your holiday season be filled with those closest to you, and may God bless you with peace, love, and abundance.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Suellen Beatty in cursive script.

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Sherbrooke Community Society, Inc.

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