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CEO Commentary

Recently, ACCA received a message from a volunteer teacher at a community center in advance of their annual "Grandparents' Day". A young student, Mia, had overheard her parents talking with concern about her grandmother who lives alone. Mia was scared. Her teacher asked her to search the internet to look for any information or ideas to help because, in doing so, she would learn about seniors living at home and it might alleviate some fears as well as give insight into it. She could also help other people who are worried or scared like she is by sharing the information. This would shift her fear into something positive knowing that she has helped others with similar feelings. So Mia sent us a great link "50 Safety Tips for Seniors".



We invite you to take a look at the ACCA website [Helpful Links section here](#) for Mia's link. Thank you for being so caring, Mia! The more we collectively start talking about seniors and how we can best support them, the better we will all be.

ACCA's Greatest Strength: Our Members!

Tammy Leach, Chief Executive Officer

Public Policy

Industry Task Force: The ITF includes a cross section of all major industry sectors in Alberta. Their vision is to effect positive change in Workers' Compensation through the views of its members. They develop and maintain an effective working relationship with WCB, provide a forum for member concerns and are an information resource on policies, programs and issues relating to WCB. Sandra Smale, Manager, Safety and Disability Management for Bethany Care Society, has been the ACCA representative for many years. Sandra has provided [this newsletter](#) on changes to the WCB as a result of recent changes to the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Worker's

May 10 Members' Meeting with Minister of Health!

We are pleased to announce Minister of Health Sarah Hoffman will be joining us at our May 10 Membership Meeting happening in Edmonton. We invite you to save the date; invitation coming soon!

Continuing Care in the News

Here is a link to an opinion article published in the Calgary Herald by Mr. Neuner, "[We must listen to what seniors have to say about the quality of their care](#)" which suggests the need to focus on quality service for our seniors regardless of facility ownership type.

Providing feedback on proposed OH&S changes

The new Occupational Health and Safety Act (Act) comes into force June 1. The Government is inviting

Compensation Act. Sandra has announced her retirement from Bethany.

ACCA extends heartfelt appreciation to Sandra (and Bethany Care Society) for the seventeen plus years Sandra has represented ACCA members on the ITF. Thank you Sandra, and all the best in your retirement!

Deputy Minister of Health Quarterly Continuing Care Meeting:

The meeting was held on March 12. Members can read an overview of Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services updates and issues raised by ACCA on behalf of our members in the Members' Only Resources Section of the website - Minister Meetings.

2018 Budget Consultation Meeting: The ACCA [received this letter](#) from Minister of Finance Joe Ceci thanking us for our recommendations on behalf of the Continuing Care industry in advance of the Alberta 2018 Budget. ACCA's recommendations are available in the Members' Only section of the website.

Congratulations Letter to Mr. Mandel, Alberta Party

Leadership: The ACCA sent [this letter](#) to Mr. Mandel along with this [Continuing Care Policy Submission](#).

Member Value & Engagement



Member Available Homes: ACCA is working to enhance the association website with a public-facing component. Under "[About Continuing Care](#)", interested people can view Available Homes. We are pleased to currently be showcasing [Eden House](#), an innovative assisted living seniors' community by Shepherd's Care Foundation.

Members, we encourage you to share available homes you would like showcased on the website!

Community Engagement

There are lots of great events and initiatives happening within our community and among our Members. Visit the ACCA Events Calendar for details!

ACCA was grateful to have been invited to the Alzheimer's Face-Off Pro-Am Fundraiser held by Christenson Communities on March 3. The evening was a busy night of music, food, lively music and fun. With a warm greeting from Greg Christenson, the event kicked off with live piano and karaoke. Raising funds for a

organizations to provide feedback on proposed regulation. The Continuing Care Safety Association is [submitting this response](#) and ACCA will be sending a letter in support of this.

The Discussion Guide is on the [Labour Website](#) and those interested are asked to fill out the questions in the guide and email to lbr.review@gov.ab.ca by April 9.

Welcome New Member!

We are pleased to welcome TELUS Communications Inc. to the ACCA membership. TELUS provides a diverse portfolio of seniors living solutions, powered by their PureFibre backbone. Their team of experts works with housing providers across BC and AB to create a bundle of solutions to fit each property's needs, including resident Wi-Fi, Optik TV for Business, Back Office Internet, and more!



Contact Us!

Share your comments and concerns with us at any time, whether online at www.ab-cca.ca or email heather.aggus@ab-cca.ca. Regularly check the CEO Blog in the Members' Section of the website as this is where you can provide your feedback on specific upcoming strategic meetings!



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lives can be a joyful effort!



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