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CEO Commentary

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to complete our Annual Membership Satisfaction Survey. Your participation and feedback helps ensure we are able to engage with you in meaningful ways and that our efforts will be directed through activities that will most make a positive impact on Continuing Care in Alberta. Through our commitment and diverse membership, we can make a difference in the lives of Albertans. Please contact us if you need the Survey Link resent to you.



The holidays are a time of reflection and hope, but can also be a time of loneliness for many people, including seniors. This year, let's take aim at social isolation among seniors. The "Gift of Time" Awareness campaign, a series of radio announcements throughout the province, is being promoted by ACCA as a way to raise awareness of the loneliness many face during a time when many families and friends are celebrating. We hope this campaign is a reminder of the importance of taking a breath and reflecting on all that we have, and the opportunity that lies ahead.

ACCA's Greatest Strength: Our Members!

Tammy Leach, Chief Executive Officer

Public Policy

HQCA FOCUS on Continuing Care - Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting: ACCA participated in the Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA)'s FOCUS on Continuing Care Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting on November 26, which provided an overview of the HQCA's broader FOCUS on Healthcare initiative. Stakeholder perspectives were gathered on potential quality indicators to be utilized in the FOCUS on Continuing Care tool, which could be utilized to highlight system-level opportunities for improvement and inform decision makers

Congratulations St. Michael's Health Group!

St. Michael's Health Group recently completed their accreditation process and have received the level of certification from Accreditation Canada of Accreditation With Commendation. This is a significant achievement. The report mentions that the organization "has a wide variety of partnerships ...without exception all of the community partners highly esteem St. Michael's as an organization that provides excellent care and service." Congratulations!

New Fund to Help Support People Living With Dementia - Dec. 10 Deadline

The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Federal Minister of Health, launched the Dementia Community Investment fund to address the challenges of dementia, and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has an open invitation to organizations to submit

on the quality of the Continuing Care system as a whole, as well as in relation to other healthcare system areas.

Vision for Seniors' Services 2030 Symposium - Planning Advisory Committee Meeting: ACCA participated in the Alberta Association on Gerontology's (AAG) "Vision for Seniors' Services 2030 Symposium" Planning Advisory Committee Meeting on December 3. The event is expected to be held in 2019.

Member Value & Engagement

2018 Membership Satisfaction Survey Reminder: We are still collecting responses to the ACCA 2018 Membership Satisfaction Survey sent last month. We encourage Members to submit their feedback, which remains anonymous, by December 19th. Your comments help guide our activities going forward.

ACCA Special Request for Sponsorship Proposals - Deadline December 7: Organizations interested in submitting a Proposal for Consideration in response to our RFSP are reminded that the deadline to do so is December 7, 2018 by email to heather.aggus@ab-cca.ca. Without the gracious support of our partners and sponsors, we would not be able to bring in the high caliber speakers that we do at our IQ Conference and Membership Meetings.

We invite you to **save the date** for our next Membership Meeting happening February 7 in Calgary, featuring Sidney Craig Courtice. Sidney was one of our IQ 2018 Pre-Conference Speakers and has created a custom workshop for our group on "Empathy and Trust in Leadership Communication" that promises to be interactive and informative. We will also be updating the Membership on ACCA activities, including our GR Strategy as we head closer to the 2019 Provincial Election. Official meeting invitation to follow soon.

Community Engagement

Wing Kei Greenview Long Term Care is celebrating the expansion of their community of care with their opening on Friday, December 14, with special guest the Honourable Sarah Hoffman, Deputy Premier of Alberta and Minister of Health. RSVP by Monday December 10 to events@wingkei.org.

We also congratulate Wing Kei on being profiled in the HQCA's second in a four part series featuring positive stories from long term care facilities in Alberta. [Click here](#) to read about this wonderful achievement and great news story!

Congratulations to The Brenda Strafford Foundation on their official grand opening of V.I.K. Academy Okotoks preschool and kindergarten at Tudor Manor. The French immersion child-care

applications for programs and initiatives that address the objectives and priorities of the Dementia Community Investment. [Please click here](#) for more information. Note that the deadline to submit a letter of intent is December 10, 2018.

Additional Changes to Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program

In June 2018, the Alberta government made changes to the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program. Additional changes have been made that reflect stakeholder feedback. [Click here](#) for the Fact Sheet.

Welcome New Member Miller Thomson LLP!

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program located within Tudor Manor provides a unique experience through quality intergenerational programming and engagement by bringing together children and seniors. You can read more by [clicking here](#).

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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!

Happy Holidays!



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