

The Mustard Seed's Prairie Manor is a supportive housing building that offers residents affordable housing with wrap-around supports. Located in the Strathcona Junction area, Prairie Manor provides much-needed affordable housing units to those who have experienced poverty and homelessness.

## What's Happening at Prairie Manor

What a fantastic summer it's been! Our residents have been soaking in the sunshine in our beautiful green space. The air has been filled with laughter during fun outdoor BBQ gatherings, the joy of tending to our gardens, and unwinding under the shade of our charming gazebo!

*Special thank you to Hasting Lake Gardens for donating the plants and Costco for donating the gazebo!*



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## FAQ

**Q:** What is The Mustard Seed doing to prevent loitering?

**A:** The Mustard Seed is taking steps to prevent loitering around Prairie Manor. These include:

- Locking our garbage bins from 10 p.m. - 7 a.m.
- Turning off outside power outlets
- Asking those who are loitering to move on
- Directing people to visit a drop-in centre or shelter for any needed supplies

**Q:** Is Prairie Manor a shelter, drop-in centre, or safe consumption site?

**A:** No, Prairie Manor is a permanent supportive housing building offering affordable housing with wrap-around supports. This means that Prairie Manor is residents' permanent home; they have their own private suites, pay rent, and have access to supports to ensure that they can maintain stable housing and meet their goals of wellness and self-sufficiency.

**Q:** What kind of support is offered to residents?

**A:** Since Prairie Manor is a supportive housing building, staff are present 24/7 to ensure the safety and well-being of residents. Our staff receive first responder training for various emergencies and can respond to crises 24/7 in and around the premises. We also offer a variety of programming and supports, which includes:

- Financial management
- Tenancy management
- Spiritual care
- On site programming: gardening, cooking, arts and crafts, music
- Pharmacare
- Cultural supports
- Mental health supports

## Finding Sanctuary at Prairie Manor

In August 2022, Mitchell found refuge at Prairie Manor after a life of chronic homelessness. Mitchell opened up about his past, marking that a history of traumatic events impacted his ability to maintain stable housing. After finding Prairie Manor, his world opened up to a newfound feeling of safety and home that he believed he would never get to experience. With this foundation of hope, Mitchell is now regularly connected to his Peer Support Worker and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome worker, who cooperate with Housing Support Workers regularly. Mitchell described his gratitude towards the staff who helped him form a strong network of support and care throughout his journey. Now filled with a sense of belonging and sanctuary, Mitchell plans on making Prairie Manor his forever home.

### Did You Know...

- As of July 2023, there are over 3,100 Edmontonians experiencing homelessness. Edmonton is currently experiencing an affordable housing crisis and urgently needs permanent supportive housing and wraparound supports, as the solution to homelessness is housing and support services.
- As a recipient of CMHC's Rapid Housing Initiative Program and the City of Edmonton's Affordable Housing Investment Plan, Prairie Manor contributes 85 supportive housing units as part of the Rapid Housing Initiative's total target of 9,200 new affordable housing units across Canada.
- Prairie Manor staff and management work closely with Edmonton Police Service to ensure that Prairie Manor is a safe place to live. This includes communications with the Beat Officers as well as the HELP team on what they see in the neighbourhood and how we can work together to make this a safe and welcoming experience for all.

### Prairie Manor Demographics (as of July 2023) \*

#### 65 Years of age and older and/or low mobility



**27%**

#### Indigenous Persons



**47%**

#### Female Persons



**28%**

#### Retention Rates

**86%**

of residents maintained housing for over 6 months



\* Stats based on 74 permanent residents

To learn more about Prairie Manor visit [TheSeed.ca/prairie-manor](https://TheSeed.ca/prairie-manor)