

Edmonton and area Community-Based Seniors Serving Sector  
**Network Declaration**

**Whereas:** Aging adults wish to stay in the home of their choice and need resources to meet that need;

and

**Whereas:** Up to seventy-five percent of health outcomes are determined by non-medical factors, including social support, physical environment, and recreational programming;

and

**Whereas:** The Community-Based Seniors Serving (CBSS) sector is adept at activating supportive services in the community to address social determinants of health for the diverse population of older adults (aged 55+);

and

**Whereas:** The CBSS sector is formally recognized as excelling at social and recreational programming, and at providing supportive services such as system navigation, home supports, caregiving supports, assisted transport, and nutrition;

**Therefore, It is imperative that the current capacity of the CBSS sector be enhanced** so that collectively and continuously we progress in serving older adults within their homes of choice;

**Further, We call upon CBSS organizations and allies** (funders, policy makers, decision makers, seniors, service providers, businesses, leaders and volunteers/family, friends, caregivers) **to sign this declaration affirming CBSS as an essential sector and partner, along with health and housing systems, to ‘move care into the community,’ in support of healthy aging.**

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*Definitions:*

*Community-based seniors serving (CBSS) organizations are non-profits such as senior centers and community organizations, and municipal bodies such as Family and Community Social Services offices that provide non-medical community and home-based programs and services crucial for empowering healthy aging in the community. These include opportunities for social connectedness, mental health supports, access to affordable transportation and housing, homemaking and home maintenance, nutrition and food security supports, recreational activities, and person-centred support navigating and accessing available resources and services.*

*Diversity note: The older adult population includes individuals with diverse lived experiences, cultures, needs, barriers, ages and other identity factors such as: gender, race, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, dis/abilities, etc.*

Sign the Declaration here: \_\_\_\_\_

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