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Luther Court Society, in partnership with BC Housing and the Government of B.C., is excited to announce that construction has started on a new 95-unit intergenerational affordable housing development in Saanich.

Located at 3781 Cedar Hill Cross Rd. in the heart of the Shelbourne-Cedar Hill corridor, residents will live close to amenities like grocery stores, coffee shops, financial institutions and community-focused organizations. Designed to be much more than an apartment building, the property will feature more than 3,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor programming spaces where people of all ages can come together and connect in community.

Luther Court's Intergenerational Affordable Housing development is made possible thanks to a \$15.6-million investment from the Province, through BC Housing's Community Housing Fund.

These affordable homes will accommodate people across all ages with low to moderate incomes and offer a mix of subsidized and market rental rates, with 15 studios, 75 one-bedrooms, and five two-bedroom suites that will be available. The new building will connect to the existing Luther Court facility through a walkway. It is expected to be completed in Summer 2027.

This new rental housing will help address the evolving needs of younger and older adults – many of whom are looking for a safe place to not only live, but to thrive.

For 45 years, Luther Court Society has united community and transformed lives for older adults through its innovative campus of care. The local non-profit has become a hub for intergenerational wellness that inspires connection across all ages. Thanks to its growing network of supporters and partners, Luther Court enhances the quality of life for even more people in Greater Victoria.

The majority of residents at Luther Court are in their 80s or older. A year and a half ago, we welcomed a new resident: 26-year-old Isabel. An avid reader, Isabel had reviewed countless articles on intergenerational living. Reflecting on her experience at Luther Court she shares, "it is wild to be in this intentional community and experience it all first-hand." For Isabel, connecting across generations is as simple as finding an empty chair in a common area and sitting there until someone comes along - and someone always does. She is proud that she has formed strong friendships with two of her neighbours — one of whom is 100 years young. They dine together most evenings at the garden café on site.

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## **Quick Facts:**

# **About Luther Court Society**

Luther Court is part of a global movement focused on harnessing the power of intergenerational living and collaboration to build stronger communities. Its innovative campus of care currently features:

- 60 long-term care suites
- 27 apartments for assisted living
- Adult Day Program
- Community Health Centre providing:
  - o intergenerational programming and community outreach; and
  - primary health care for attached patients from the surrounding areas of Gordon Head, Shelbourne corridor and Oak Bay

#### **Quotes:**

### Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

"Luther Court and housing developments like it are about more than building homes – they're about building communities. By bringing generations together under one roof, we're creating a place where people of all ages can support one another and thrive together. More new rentals are being built than ever before, and we'll keep partnering with municipalities and community groups to help people find a home that fits their budget."

# Nina Krieger, MLA for Victoria-Swan Lake

"Organizations like <u>Luther Court</u> are beacons of hope in our communities, helping to build connections between generations living side by side. Working together, we're helping people of all ages find affordable homes and the services they need in the community they love. With these new homes, we're building a healthier, more connected Saanich, for us and for future generations."

## Diana Gibson, MLA for Oak Bay-Gordon Head

"Our government continues to build affordable and non-profit housing in our region to meet our community's needs, which strengthens and benefits us all. The 95 new affordable rental homes at Luther Court will help meet the housing needs of people of all ages, and the Luther Court community health center, located just around the corner, will continue helping people get the care they need close to home."

#### **Kevin Harter, CEO, Luther Court Society**

"Luther Court's campus of care brings people together with compassion and inspiration. We see first-hand the life-changing impact that comes from providing intentional programming that engages people across generations. By creating more opportunities for younger and older adults to grow and connect in a purpose-built environment, we are making it possible for more people to flourish in Greater Victoria."

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# Mayor Dean Murdock, District of Saanich

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"This project aligns with our goals of providing housing for people at all life stages that provides a high quality of life."

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