



# Our Valley Our Healthcare

**Impact Report For: 'Feels Like Home'**  
enhancement project of the Golden Eagle  
View Long-term Care Unit at the Canmore  
General Hospital.

**Report Period: 2016 - 2021**



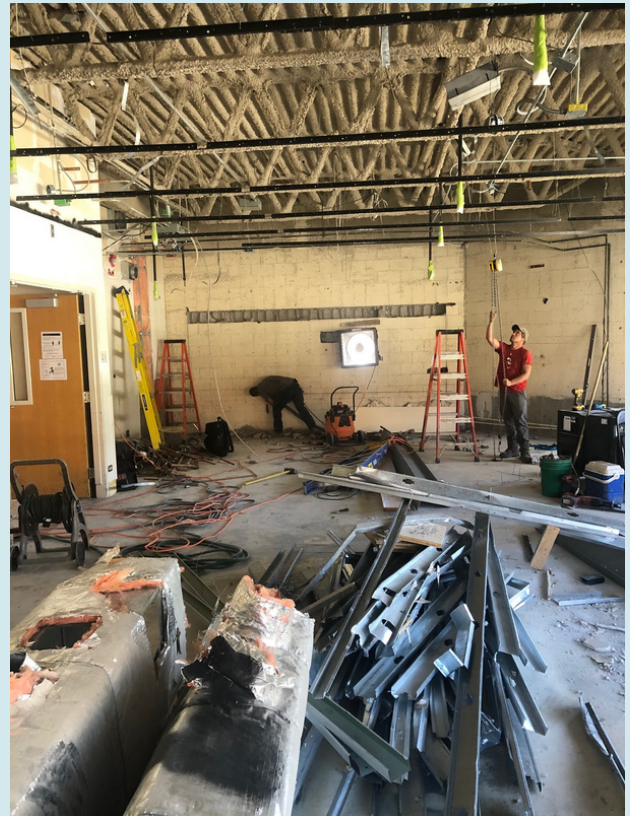
# Thanks to you, our long-term care residents can now say they have a place that "feels like home."

In 2016, the Canmore & Area Health Care Foundation embarked upon our largest capital campaign to date. With a fundraising goal of \$1,500,000 for the revitalization of the Golden Eagle View Long-Term Care unit, we intended to create a more modern, residential look and feel, while maintaining the mountain character of Canmore that residents feel familiar with.

In such a close-knit community, it's so important to maintain a sense of normalcy for our residents, ensure they can stay close to family and avoid being uprooted, and have a comfortable, functional place to call home right here in Canmore. Thanks to your generosity, we are so proud to say we reached our fundraising goal.

Donors like you have such a profound impact and that impact is evident every time our residents enjoy their brand new sunroom, welcome their loved ones in for a visit by the fireplace, or gaze out upon the mountains through their new panoramic windows.

This \$1,500,000 campaign was supported 50 percent by the community, third-party events, and foundation golf tournaments, and 50 percent by major donors.



# Your Impact

## Golden Eagleview

**Your gift to the Foundation and the "Feels Like Home" campaign has touches the lives of many.**

- Golden Eagleview is currently home to 23 full-time residents
- Their ages range between 43 and 103 years
- The average length of stay is 3.8 years
- The longest resident lived on the unit for 18 years
- The long-term care unit original opened in 1986 when the Canmore General Hospital originally opened
- 225 residents have called GEV home since we started computer tracking May 26, 1999

## The Enhancements

**Here are some of the many enhancements that your donations made possible and the cost associated with each.**

- 17 updated rooms (23 beds): \$300,000
- An enhanced salon and office: \$30,000
- An updated dining room & dining room furniture: \$290,000
- The Town Square, hallways, and front entrance: \$250,000
- Mountainview windows & Fireside seating space: \$700,000











*Nicholas Thain, AHS Senior Operating Officer, Community, Rural and Continuing Care notes, “This project is a great example of how the community supports its residents. We are thankful to the Foundation for making this possible and believe that this project ensures Golden Eagle View is a place of comfort where seniors can receive the very best care.”*



The "Feels Like Home" campaign began in 2016 and we are so grateful to our community and our donors who stepped up over the course of the four-year project to ensure that the seniors in the community have a welcoming, comfortable environment to call home.

The project is now complete and our residents and staff could not be more pleased with the final product.

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*“We live here 24 hours a day. You have to feel like you’re not in a hospital or a hotel. This project makes it feel more like a home to me. I think it’s so lovely!” - Anne Going, long-term care resident at Golden Eagle View*

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# Welcome Home

This campaign was a significant undertaking for the Foundation, our community, and all of the talented professionals who worked to make the vision a reality. Though, it was not only worth it, it was completely necessary.

It's important to understand that most long-term care residents are not there by choice. Many cannot say thank you, but this does not mean that their comfort and happiness are any less important than the babies being delivered at the hospital, the patients coming into the emergency room, or the surgeries being performed in the operating room. Our residents, many in their 90s and one who is 103, have contributed to our community and our province to make it what it is today, and we are obliged to do the best for them.



Katharine Scheel, Long-Term Care Manager at the Canmore Hospital says "Every day I have the honor of working with the 23 seniors who live in our unit. I hear stories of hard times, weddings, fond memories of caring for children, grandchildren, and so much more. The one constant that comes up is stories about life in their 'home'. Through this renovation, we have a wonderful opportunity to create a warm and welcoming long-term 'home' for our seniors to enjoy the remainder of their retirement years here in Canmore."

We are overwhelmed with pleasure and pride as we look back on the "Feels Like Home" campaign. All donations, large and small, made this possible.

*"The new furniture looks great, and I sense a feeling of pride in the new look and feel in the residents I talked to about the changes"*  
*- Leslie S., family member of a resident*

Thank you endlessly for your support. This is a testament to what a community with a common goal can accomplish. We all deserve to feel at home here in the Bow Valley, and this campaign has made that feeling a reality for the 23 incredible individuals who dwell at Golden Eagleview.

The Canmore and Area Health Care Foundation is a registered charity, separate from the Canmore General Hospital. Funds raised by the Foundation through the generosity of our donors do not replace base funding through Alberta Health Services but enhance the patient care provided by the hospital through equipment purchases, programs, staff education and improvement of facilities.

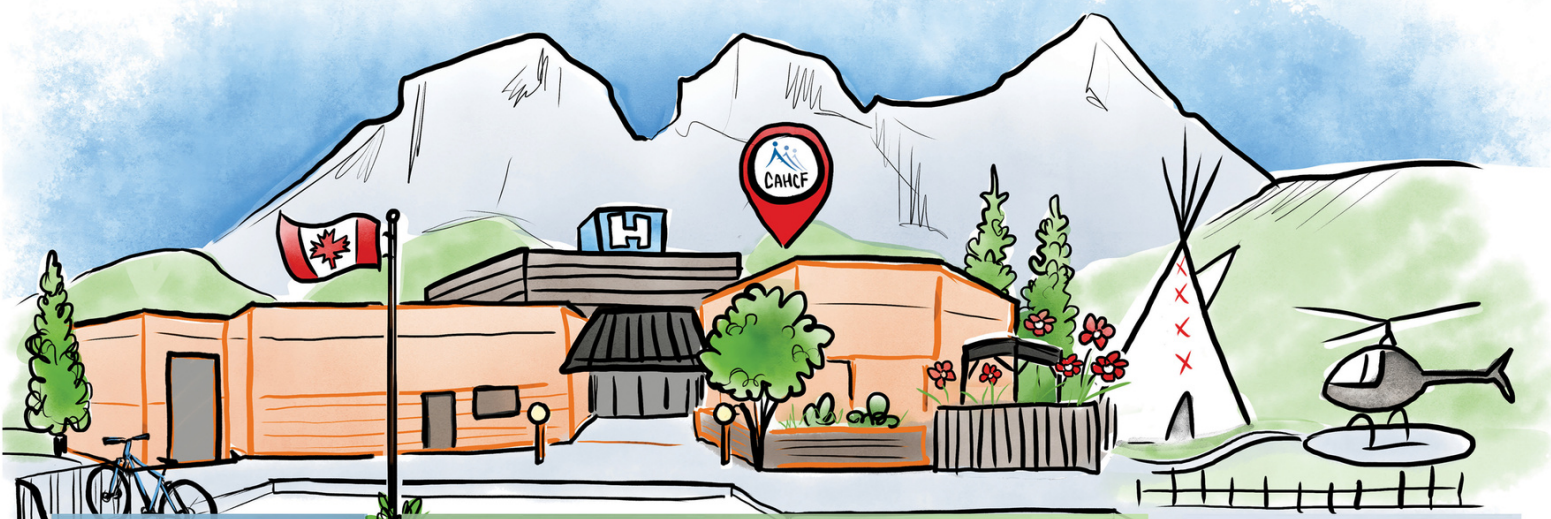
We have been a staple of the health community in the Bow Valley area for 20 years and through the generosity of our community, we have raised over \$8 million dollars.



# Thank you, donors!



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