



Press Release	<b>Saint Luke's Place in the News! Cambridge Times Feature Article (2 of 3)</b>
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We are pleased to share the second of three articles featuring Saint Luke's Place, written by celebrated local journalist Walter Gowing, published in the Cambridge Times.

### **Open House Planned To Celebrate 40 Years of Saint Luke's Place**

#### **Cambridge Times**

CAMBRIDGE- It took more than a small shovel to turn the sod for Saint Luke's Place 40 years ago...

<see next page for full article, originally published in the Cambridge Times, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016>

The first article in this series, "[Meet Jennie Lee from St. Luke's](#)" was published on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in the Cambridge Times.

Coming Soon:

Keep an eye out for the final feature article, highlighting the Saint Luke's Place [Long-Term Care Redevelopment Project](#).

*Incorporated under the Charitable Institutions Act in 1974, Saint Luke's Place is a Charitable, Non-Profit accredited seniors' residential community located in Cambridge, Ontario. We offer care and services to our Long-Term Care residents, to our Retirement Home residents, and to the tenants in our Independent Apartments. Saint Luke's Place is licensed to operate 114 Long-Term Care Beds, 4 of which are categorized as Veterans' Priority Access Beds. We are also an active member of the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS).*

## **Open house planned to celebrate 40 years of St. Luke's Place**

*Walter Gowing, Speaks Out*

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It took more than a small shovel to turn the sod for Saint Luke's Place 40 years ago, according to Erwin Nelson, currently a resident at the seniors' community at 1624 Franklin Blvd.

"There was a bulldozer there as a large berm of earth had to be removed that stood between the church and the new area of construction," said Nelson.

"It was really satisfying to see the Saint Luke's project started that now houses over 300 seniors," exclaimed Nelson, as he pointed to the buildings that have accommodated hundreds, maybe thousands, during four decades.

Nelson started his community service with Saint Luke's Church and as a member of the Hespeler Board of Education.

In 1977-78, he served a term as mayor of the City of Cambridge.

"This land where Saint Luke's Place now stands," said Nelson, "was once an abandoned gravel pit in Waterloo Township before becoming part of Hespeler. It is now a beautiful place in Cambridge."

On Sunday, Sept. 18, a 40th anniversary Open House will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. at Saint Luke's Place and the public is invited. Visitors are directed to the front entrance at the main building located behind Saint Luke's Church.

"St. Luke's Place is a charitable, non-profit, accredited long-term care facility and seniors' community that became a reality as the result of a desire of the congregation of Saint Luke's United Church to serve seniors in Cambridge," said Brian Swainson, chief executive officer.

In the renewal this year of the accreditation of Saint Luke's Place, the president of CARF Canada, Brian J. Boon, said, "This achievement is an indication of your organization's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the persons served."

The open house on Sept. 18 will be an opportunity for the public to learn more about this unique seniors' facility in our city.

It is located on a seven-acre park-like setting and offers long-term care facilities, independent apartments and a retirement home accommodation. There is a staff of 200 and a large volunteer contingent that supplies 4,000 hours annually.

"We are going to celebrate our 40th anniversary with refreshments, fun and friendship," said Alison Haddaway, director of donor relations and fund development at Saint Luke's Place.