

## MEDIA RELEASE

**Fairview Mennonite Homes One of Three Pilot Sites for Innovative Older Adults Program in Ontario**

*Fairview is launching Nursing Home Without Walls to help older adults live well at home longer*

**CAMBRIDGE (April 20, 2026)** — Older adults in Cambridge will soon have more support to remain in their own homes with the support of a new program being launched in Ontario.

Fairview Mennonite Homes (FMH) has been selected as one of three pilot sites for Nursing Home Without Walls (NHWW). This innovative model brings the services and expertise of long-term care homes into the community, focusing on older adults who would benefit from additional assistance to maintain their health, safety and independence in their own homes.

“Canadians plan to live in their own home as long as possible,” says Elaine Shantz, President and CEO, Fairview Mennonite Homes. “We are privileged to be part of a pilot project that will help older adults achieve that. Nursing Home Without Walls connects older adults with the right supports and services to help individuals live well at home, close to their families and community to support their well-being, avoid crises and reduce isolation.”

Nursing Home Without Walls expands the role of long-term care homes. In addition to providing care inside their buildings, participating homes will now act as community hubs, supporting older adults before they need long-term care.

Fairview’s program will help older adults navigate community resources including clinical and social services, provide social and wellness program that reduce loneliness and isolation, and offer transportation assistance. Fairview’s support will be offered at no cost.

The other two pilots will be launched at Algoma Manor in Algoma and Perley Health in Ottawa. The pilot is being championed by AdvantAge Ontario, the provincial association that represents non-profit long-term care homes, and will be funded by Healthcare Excellence Canada and The Waltons Trust. Additional funds have been approved and provided by Fairview’s Board of Directors as well as a generous anonymous donor to fully support Fairview’s pilot.

“We saw what this model was achieving in New Brunswick and knew it would make a real difference here in Ontario,” said Lisa Levin, CEO of AdvantAge Ontario. “Nursing Home Without Walls is about supporting seniors earlier, so they can stay healthy, connected and at home, which is what most people want.”

Effective immediately, individuals can refer themselves or be referred by their caregiver or family member, community partners or physicians by contacting Fairview Community directly at [communitysupport@fairviewmh.com](mailto:communitysupport@fairviewmh.com) or 519.653.5719 extension 4219.

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**About Fairview Mennonite Homes:** Located in Cambridge, Ontario, Fairview has served older adults for over 80 years as a not-for-profit, charitable, faith-based continuum of care campus, including the newly expanded long-term care home, assisted living, independent living, affordable housing, home and community care services and Seniors Active Living Centre. From our fitness centre to pool therapy, from congregate dining to a chat with our Director of Spiritual Care and Culture, we serve to help older adults be as physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually healthy as possible.

Fairview is both a home and a community where each person is valued, respected and welcomed.  
*All cultures. All faiths. All financial means.*